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FOREWORD

This book was originally written in the early to mid 1990's by my mother, THELMA P. ZEITLER, with the help of my father, VERNON A. ZEITLER before the illness that caused his death in 1997. Since I had helped edit the second volume in 1993, I took possession of the computer files that were complete at that time. This book was originally intended to have many more chapters, but my father had been the driving force behind the books and my mother did not complete any more of the intended chapters. Since I never got involved in genealogy, I didn't try to compile any more of the intended chapters myself. I only reformatted the text as best as I could.

I recently decided to put together what existed and get this published on the internet rather than try to get it published on paper. I wanted to provide this information to our extended family and the public in general. I updated information about our immediate family to bring it up to date. My mother is still alive at age 94 and I wanted her to know that her story would be told.

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PREFACE

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In this Volume we have slightly modified the Ahnentafel-Henry numbering system used in Volume 1, and have essentially adopted a system outline in an article in HERITAGE QUEST Issue 13, Nov/Dec 1987 pp. 68-72, "Genealogy by the Numbers," by William Dollarhide. The number to the left of the decimal point, The Ahnentafel Number, identifies the ancestor. The numbers to the right, the Henry Number, indicate the position of that child in the family of the parent. Each generation is allocated one digit. The decimal always indicates a person not directly related as a parent, a grandparent, a great-grandparent etc. The siblings of the ancestor have a number equal to his and hence both ancestor and his siblings have a number left of the decimal point equal to one-half that of their sire. In Volume I the sibling was numbered as derived from the parent and not from the ancestor. In Volume I the siblings in the mythical family listed below would instead of 20.1, 20.2, 20.3 etc would be 40.1, 40.2 and 40.3.

We will use this mythical family to explain the system:

20.0 is your ancestor, a male
40.0 (double the ancestor's number) is the father.
41.0 is the mother, wife of 40.0 is one digit larger.
20.1 is the oldest child of 40.0/41.0 (male or female)
20.2 is the second child
20.2* is the spouse of 20.2 (man or woman)
20.0 is the third child in this family (YOUR direct ancestor)
20.4 is the fourth child in the family
20.4*1 is the first spouse of 20.4
20.41 is the oldest child of 20.4 and 20.4*1
20.4*2 is the second spouse of 20.4
20.42 is the second child of 20.4 and the first child of 20.4*2
20.423 is the third child of 20.42
20.4235 is the fifth child of 20.423
21.0 is the wife of 20.0
21.0*2 is the second wife of 20.0

One additional change was necessitated. To handle the siblings when there were more than 9 children in the family we have used hexadecimal numbers for digits larger than 9.

20.9 is followed by the 10th child
20.A and the 11 is 20.B etc.
20.A1 first child of 20.A
20.B3 third child of 20.B
20.C5 fifth child of the 12th child etc. In Volume 1 we used 20.12.5 to represent what we now use 20.C5.

ABBREVIATIONS

a.	ante: before
b.	born
bpt.	baptized
bur.	buried
c.	circa: approximately, about
cem.	cemetery
chris.	christenine
d.	died
d.y.	died young
daug.	daughter
et.al.	et alia: and others
i.e.	id est: that is
Jr.	junior
m.	married
mms.	manuscript
op. cit.	opera citato: in the work cited
p.	post: after
prob.	probate
s.	son
sic.	exactly as printed
sr.	senior
Twp.	Township
u.	untimo: last month
unm.	unmarried
viz.	videlicet: to wit, for example
wid.	widow

CHAPTER 1

THELMA LEONE POORBAUGH AND VERNON ARTHUR ZEITLER

On a cold wintry day, the 5th of January, in the year 1918, my father, RALPH ANDREW POORBAUGH braved a snow storm on a horse to bring Doctor DIBERT to our home since my birth was imminent. My mother and father were renting several rooms in a farm house belonging to Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM CORLEY. My father had just purchased his first sawmill, after working for his father, and placed it on Wolf Camp Run near Madley, Londonderry Township Bedford County, PA. They lived with the Corleys to be near his work.

At that time the house was covered with black siding, but as I was told by my mother, they covered an old log house. It was nearly seventy years later that I learned the history of the house and its place in the early history of the community. This will be explained later.

Several months after my birth my mother and I became gravely ill with the influenza which took such a big toll in those days. My father had been drafted to go into service in World War I, but was exempted to take care of his family, and his mill could make a contribution to the war effort.

My mother told me I would knock on the Corley kitchen door and cry "open door shut Mrs. Corkey." My only true recollection of the several years we spent at that first house was of me being chased by an angry turkey when I attempted to gather the eggs by myself. I had often accompanied my mother, but this time I managed to get the basket and go by myself. When the gobbler spotted me he fluffed his enormous tail, and let out a fearful gobbling sound! I ran to the nearby grape arbor and scrambled to the top, screaming for my mother, who soon rescued me from the vicious bird. My thoughtful mother did not chastise me but I never went near that barnyard again. The barn, hen house and arbor are all gone, but I still fear live turkeys and love grapes and eating turkeys.

In 1920 my father purchased a farm near Fairhope in Somerset County, PA called the "Hutzell Place", and the saw-mill was moved to the Brush Creek location. This first real home consisted of a two-story, five room, black framed house, a large barn where we kept at least two horses, two cows, pigs, chickens, a dog and a constant parade of cats. We also had an ice house where the blocks of ice from the creek were stored to use in the summer to make ice cream and keep the dairy products cool. We did not have an ice box but a smaller house near the big house called the summer house contained a cellar with a trough of cold water from the spring that was cold even on the hottest days. We also had the necessary out-buildings including a smokehouse where the meat butchered in the fall was hung to cure.

Years later, when I took my family back to see the old home I made the mistake of identifying the outhouse as the smoke-house.

Mother always had a garden with green peas, beans, lettuce, cucumbers, red beets, turnips (we didn't use the tops in those days), potatoes, cabbage, and corn. What we couldn't eat she canned, dried, or pickled. We had an immense asparagus bush which we called our "mulberry bush". There was also an herb garden and a strawberry patch. Some of the same plants were still bearing fruit when we made the sentimental journey in 1952. One of our sons remarked after tasting them, and then some wild ones in the field below the house, "I like the God-made ones better than the man-made ones!"

It was at this home that my first brother, RALPH ARTHUR, was born, 25 March 1922. Dr. I.C. MILLER was summoned from Berlin by the new wall telephone. He arrived in his new Ford, and it wasn't long until we were all greeted by a lusty wail, after which I was "finally" allowed to go up stairs to see my mother. To my surprise I was shown a doll almost the same as one I had but was finally convinced this one could grow, which he did to six feet four inches. They had convinced me that my "new doll" had arrived in the doctor's black bag. Soon after that we acquired a short-haired collie called Scotty and the three of us spent many happy hours at this country home. One of our best games was playing hide-and-go-seek around the "mulberry bush". Scottie could always outsmart us. Other playmates were the COUGHENOUR girls, GLADYS and ELMA, who lived on the farm above us.

Since we lived near both sets of grandparents we spent almost every Sunday with one or the other, by horses and wagon or sled in the winter, and in our new Buick with the floppy windows in the summer. The first family vacation was to Atlantic City, NJ with grandmothers Poorbaugh and Witt. We stayed in the Ritz Carlton Hotel on the boardwalk, and I vividly recall wading into the surf with a grandmother on each side. They lifted me above the threatening waves, but getting themselves wetter than they expected. That is my excuse for being afraid of the water.

Our Dr. MILLER paid another visit to the farm after I fell backward off the summer house porch rail and landed on the stone walk below. Our Scottie crawled next to me on the couch and would not leave until I regained consciousness.

Another event is still vivid in my memory. My father had bought a crystal-set radio and we listened to the first broadcast of a national election (Harding-Cox) from KDKA in Pittsburgh all of the mill hands and neighbors were present to listen. As the one set of earphones were passed from one to the other, one of the men dozed off during his turn and when the crowd cheered the speaker he stood up saying, "I'll go, I'll go," thinking he was being called to work.

Near the saw mill a one-room schoolhouse was located. To get to the school from our house one had to cross Brush Creek on a rope

swinging bridge. My parents didn't think it was safe for me to go but since I was nearly six I thought I was old enough and started across the meadow. My father brought me back with a reminder with each step, the only switching he ever gave me. Soon after that we moved to Stony Creek Township, Somerset County, one and one-half miles from Buckstown on the Lincoln Highway and four miles from Shanksville. The saw mill was located at the site of the old Upstart Dam where an earlier mill had used water power. The huge waterwheel was still there. Our mill used a steam engine for power. The mill was later moved to its present location one mile from Buckstown after a disastrous fire. Later an electric mill was installed.

This new home was located on a 68 acre truck farm purchased 23 May 1924 from Jacob and Mary Miller for four thousand and fifty dollars and just ready for harvest when we moved. The house was a T-shaped clapboard to which my parents made considerable changes. One side porch was closed in for a glassed sun-porch and the other side was converted into an inside stairway. The old stairs were closed in, making a great playhouse. The biggest change to us was the bathroom. My mother and father each had that facility in their respective homes, so this was a real treat. Mother had been making most of our clothes and the sun porch was a great sewing room, also a place for the ferns that she loved so much. She crocheted and hooked rugs and was an immaculate housekeeper. Mother also loved flowers and spent a lot of time with her flower beds. My father was helpful with the vegetable garden, but said he wasn't interested in something he couldn't eat. Years later, he spent hours with his flowers, and had flower beds equal to the best in both Somerset, PA and West Palm Beach, FL., where they had a winter home.

Our lovely home with modern plumbing went from kerosene lamps to bottled gas, to a Delco battery system, to modern electric lights and appliances. This was made possible because my father was interested in providing economical energy for farms, and became the first President of the Rural Electrification Association in Somerset County, PA., which was incorporated in 1939. He served in that capacity for seventeen years. He was given special recognition when the Association celebrated its 50th anniversary as "The man who could see over two hills." He was a community leader, as one citizen said "A people person". His efforts affected the lives of many people, and he was one of the most respected persons in the area.

My father had also been very interested in improving education and soon after we moved to Stonycreek Township he was elected to the Township School Board. I had started school at the one-room Duppsstadt School near our home. My brother Arthur also attended it, but it burned down four years later from an over-heated stove. We were then transported by bus to another one-room school and then to a two-room school in Shanksville Borough. During these years my father made many trips to Harrisburg, and attended many meetings which culminated in the consolidation of the Stonycreek Township and Shanksville Borough

schools. Thirteen one-room schools were closed and a new modern grade and high school was constructed which still exists today.

To help make this effort successful, the Stonycreek Valley Community Association was formed and my parents with many others helped to sponsor many community affairs. One of these was the presentation of plays with local talent. My mother had always been interested in the drama and took the leading part in several productions. I can remember her learning her lines while she stood over the ironing board. She was not satisfied with my ironing abilities, so I read her lines with her.

The road between Buckstown and Shanksville was full of ruts most of the time the first few years we lived there. Through the efforts of my father and other local people, we were given a "Pinchot" hard-surfaced macadam road which was well maintained. But even before the new road, our dog Scotty was run over and killed by a local farmer with his pick-up. We had never been able to teach her not to chase cars. She was given a proper burial in the maple grove near the house. This grove had been spared by the lumbermen, and it provided us with trees which were tapped in the early spring and a keeler was attached to catch the sap as it rose in the spring. The large wooden sugar-camp contained a furnace to boil down the large vat of sugar water as it was collected. The sugar water was boiled in large iron kettles to a temperature when the liquid was put into gallon cans as maple syrup or cooked longer and stirred rapidly to make maple sugar. Since there was usually snow on the ground when this came about, we would dip some into pans, sit it in the snow to cool for "spotsies", or pull for taffy. Our mother was well known for her pure maple sugar cakes. Somerset County still produces a lot of maple products, which we contend are better than the Vermont product.

We nearly always had two cows on the farm. My mother did the milking until I was old enough to help, then it was usually brother Arthur's turn. I did take my turn in spite of an incident which nearly cost me my life. One morning before leaving for work, my father came in with the news that a new calf had arrived during the night. On my way to school I stopped by the barn to see the new arrival. This was the first cow we had with horns. She was not happy to see me and was about to pin me against the wall when my father arrived and hit the cow over the head, and knocked her out. That day the cattle dealer came and took both cow and calf. It was fortunate for me that my father had forgotten a piece of equipment he needed that morning, and returned in time to save me.

On the 21st of July 1929, my second brother, KARL WILLIAM, was born at the "Duppstadt Farm." He was a dear sweet baby who took the depression in his stride. My father's business had a few minor setbacks during the depression, but was prospering in spite of the times. He generally worked along with the other mill men until one day his right hand was badly cut by the planeing saw, requiring a great

number of stitches. This curtailed his physical activities and left him with a lifetime scar.

Several years later, I developed double pneumonia and was taken to the Johnstown Memorial Hospital with a very high fever, where I spent my thirteenth birthday. I was teased by the Doctor later when he said the only thing that pulled me through was a very strong heart and he didn't care whose it was. This spoiled my perfect attendance record with the two week absence.

The summer before my fourteenth birthday continued to be one of the most eventful of my early life. I was confirmed in the Mt. Lebanon German Reformed Church near Glencoe, PA, my father's family church. Since this was some distance from our home the family transferred membership in 1935 to the St. Paul's Reformed Church in Shanksville, PA. My father, and my brother ARTHUR served as Elder and Deacon, I sang in the choir and taught in the Sunday school, as did my mother. Mother had been raised in the Lutheran Church, but joined the Reformed Church after her marriage. That summer I spent another week away from my family attending the Summer Camp at the Shadyside Academy in Pittsburgh, PA which was sponsored by the Reformed Church of America. Here I met many new friends, one of whom I have kept as a dear friend, MARY ANNABEL LUTZ, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LESTER LUTZ of Evans City, PA. She became my college room-mate in later years. As a climax to that summer of 1931 my only sister, MARLENE ALICE, was born 4 August. She was a frail, premature baby, but soon became a precious, healthy youngster who has grown to be a lovely lady, and a cherished sister.

During these growing up years our family spent some time traveling. Most were short trips to visit relatives. In addition to the grandparents we usually visited aunts and uncles. One of my mother's sisters, Grace Weller, lived in Nunnery, PA. We stayed at least one night and stopped in York, PA to get parts for the saw mill. That was an especially happy time. Aunt GRACE and Uncle BRUCE WELLER had three girls: GARNETTE, BEULAH and DOROTHY who were near my age. We had two sets of aunts and uncles living in Akron Ohio, Mother's brother, GUY WITT, and Father's sister, MARY KEEFER. The same thing existed in Corriganville, MD where father's brother, JOHN, and mother's sister GERTIE and their families lived. This meant we spent at least two nights each place. Sunday trips were made to Salisbury, PA to visit Uncle BILL and Aunt NETTIE DEIST.

As a family we attended County Fairs in Bedford and Jenners. I have what I think is possibly the last letter written by my Mother, 30 Aug. 1935 in which she stated "We went to the Bedford Fair at four o'clock and stayed all evening. There was a large crowd." We did our grocery shopping in Buckstown and Stoystown and usually spent one day a month shopping in Johnstown for clothing. We frequently spent Saturday evenings in Somerset visiting mother's aunt, Mrs. CHARLES HOLDERBAUM, who lived upstairs above the former men's store she had maintained with her husband. We enjoyed sitting on her front porch,

which over-hung Main Street, watching the people go by. No matter how long it had been since we last saw her, Aunt SADIE would always say, "Well, well, well, come in."

One of our more extensive trips was to Gettysburg, where we toured the battlefield, had a picnic at Spangler's Spring, and crawled over the rocks of the Devil's Den. This was the site of Lincoln's famous address. For years my mother, and later I, had the opportunity to recite the address at the Memorial Day services at the Mt. Lebanon Church Cemetery. We made a second trip to Atlantic City and an exciting trip to Syracuse, NY where we visited father's cousin, WILLIAM H. HALL. It was here I saw my first stage show and sang with the audience "Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella on a Rainy Afternoon." I tried it and still got wet.

Our trip to Philadelphia was during the time the Liberty Bell was displayed in the foyer of Independence Hall. More recently it was a let-down to see its modern glass house where it has been displayed since 1976. The family also enjoyed Washington DC, the caverns of Virginia and the Natural Bridge. The last long trip as a family was made to the 1933 World's Fair in Chicago, IL. I remember how much we all suffered from the heat, and had to return home early because my brother Arthur became ill.

Our mother had been suffering some physical discomfort for years and finally decided to have corrective surgery. She went to the same hospital where she had been before, and was seemingly recovering from surgery when she developed a high fever which they said was caused by peritonitis. She died 22 September 1935, the day we had expected to take her home. We had always been a close knit and loving family, and this was devastating to us. I was 17, Arthur was 13, Karl 6 and Marlene 4 years old. Our father was inconsolable for quite a while and was only able to continue his life with the help of good friends such as KENNETH WAGNER and NORMAN MILLER, his mother and the rest of the family. This was my senior year in high school and we were able to carry on the family living. My mother's death-bed words to me were, "Thelma, I want you to make sure the family always stays together." In the years since we have always been good friends and shared the joys and sorrows of each one while we kept in touch, and there has not been a bitter word between any of us.

That first winter after her death 1935-1936 turned out to be a very cold and wintry one and we were snow-bound several times. I remember baking bread with the "starter yeast" mother had prepared, and killing, dressing, and preparing chickens for the first time. I had watched mother and was just beginning to learn the essence of house-keeping. I was able to participate in the Senior Year activities, and play the flute in the band. I was on the girl's basketball team, and had a part in the class play, "The Other Ghost" (that was real type-casting for I would shake with nervousness through the whole thing). I was president of my Senior Class of seventeen, and

a member of the Girl Reserves. After our graduation in May 1936 our class spent several days in Washington, DC.

That summer our family rented a cottage at Indian Creek Lake and the subsequent summers at the Ligonier Valley Beach. My parents had expressed the hope that I would become a teacher and I had enrolled at Indiana State Teachers College, Indiana, PA but after spending another session at Camp Shadyside, this time as a counselor, I decided to attend Hood College in Frederick, MD. Hood would honor the scholarship I had received as Valedictorian and I would be studying General Home Economics to be a better home-maker for my family. I made frequent visits home, and with the help of a series of house keepers the family was able to survive. I was the only one among my classmates who had a father for Mother's Day events.

During the summer of 1939 I attended Penn State University, College Park, PA for nine weeks. This was to get a taste of co-ed life and to take the Home Management course which required living in a cottage with other girls and having the responsibility of real home-making. We even had the full-time care of a six month old baby, whose mother had taken the course and was spending the time in England with her husband. My room-mate, MILDRED YEARICK, and I became close friends and visited each other in later years. The head of the Foods Department at Penn State was Dr. PAULINE BERRY MACK from whom I took a course in Nutrition. She retired, but was later employed by NASA to plan the food for the early astronaut trips into space. While we were at Penn State she bought an ice plant, had us clean and prepare vegetables which were grown by the Agriculture Department. They were quick-frozen in the ice plant. Near the end of the nine weeks they were removed, cooked and tested by our group. The Birds-eye Foods Company used the results to start their giant frozen food industry.

That fall during my senior year at Hood several of the other Home Economics students and I were given the opportunity to conduct another experiment, for the DuPont Chemical Co. They had perfected the manufacture of hosiery made from nylon and had us test the result. We were each given a pair which we were to wash each night and wear as long as they lasted. Mine lasted a whole month and I've never had a pair to do that well since.

The four years in Hood College did not require all of our time, and I was able to participate in campus groups such as the Town Hall, where several of us represented our college at a conference at Bryn Mawr College in Philadelphia. I especially remember IRENE DAVENPORT, now Mrs. EARL VOORHIES, and Dr. WAYNE NEELY, our sponsor. We had a small orchestra in which I played one of the two flutes. One of the members, BETTY CAUFFIEL, has since become well know with her concerts and teaching skills. We went on group trips to Williamsburg, VA, the New York World's Fair, and Washington, DC, where we attended the second inaugural of FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT. It rained the whole time, and we only attended the National Symphony Orchestra's concert in Constitution Hall, where ELEANOR ROOSEVELT was introduced to the

audience. I have spent many hours attending the Continental Congresses of the Daughters of the American Revolution in later years in that same Constitution Hall. I attended my first football game when the Hood group attended a Penn-Navy game at Annapolis.

Lasting friendships were cultivated during those four years. One is BETTY CAUFFIEL, whose father had been the Mayor of Johnstown, PA and with whom I traveled home on occasion. Her husband, WILLIAM TOMB, died before their five children were all raised. She has her home in Painted Post, NY where I have visited. Others were ELLEN FRENCH from NYC, SUE BILLINGS from Syracuse, NY, now living on Cape Cod, BETTY LONG, now Mrs. EDWARD BOLANDER Annapolis, MD, and ANNABEL LUTZ whose husband, ANDREW EGLAND, is a retired Navy commander, with a home in Alexandria, VA. They have raised five children and have many grandchildren. I was graduated in May 1940 with a B.S. in Home Economics. My brother, ARTHUR, a student at Penn State University was the only member of my family who attended my graduation.

My father married AMY WEBER of Minneapolis, MN in June 1939. This changed my plans for the future since I was no longer needed to help raise the family, I was on my own. My father made plans for me to interview for a position as assistant manager of a cafeteria in the Grant Building, Pitts-burgh, PA but when I saw the set-up I decided that was not for me. Dr. NORMAN MILLER, who had been Superintendent at Stonycreek High School, offered me a teaching position in the Tyrone Public Schools if I could qualify by September 1940. I took several courses at Juniata College that summer, bought a car and drove several evenings each week from Huntingdon to Tyrone where I was teaching Junior High School Home economics classes. All of the girls were required to take the class, and that was a busy semester. It was also considered my practice teaching and Mrs. BUTLER the Chairman of the Home Economics Department at Juniata College came at intervals to supervise. I also had the help of the Senior High school teacher, MARJORIE LEONARD. I was not to receive any salary until the end of the semester but the Administration gave me my first pay check before Christmas 1940 which was a great present.

When not in the classroom that first year, I spent my time attending church and Sunday school at the First Methodist Church, since Tyrone did not have a Reformed Church. I took tickets at football games, visited family, and took art lessons from Mrs. BLOOM, mother of ROBERT BLOOM, a high school history teacher I also took field trips with my 8th grade home room students. We had a group of single teachers who met for dinner usually at the Villa Restaurant. They included BETTY SMITH and her house mate JANE LUCAS, who later became head of the History Department at Louisiana State University as Dr. JANE DeGRUMMOND. Also, WILLARD KERR, LEE BILLINGSLEY, and sometimes ROBERT BLOOM, later Dr. BLOOM, History Department Gettysburg College. My landlady, Mrs. J. B. CAMPBELL provided me with a comfortable room, breakfast and loving care.

The summer of 1941 was a "lost summer" in a sense for me. I visited the family for a short time, but they were traveling and making their own adjustments, so I spent most of the time taking more classes at Juniata College to enhance my teaching qualifications.

The fall term in the Tyrone Schools began with a tea to introduce the new faculty members. This was the responsibility of the Home Economics Department, so we two teachers had to make the plans. I had been a guest the year before so this was a new endeavor, and I was not anticipating the special occasion it provided. Mr. ALEXANDER, the shop teacher, introduced me to the new chemistry teacher, who joined our group of young teachers to have dinner together. That was 9 Sept 1941. By 29 September VERNON ZEITLER and I were secretly engaged on the occasion of our first date. There were very strict rules for teachers and we realized that I would have to give up teaching to marry another teacher in the same school system. We did make it official at Thanksgiving when Vernon visited my family. At that time we could not make any plans but two weeks later that was all changed. We were being entertained at my landlady's cousin's country home when the Pearl Harbor attack was announced. The following Saturday night, as our crowd was planning to get together for a Christmas dinner we offered to bring the dessert. We took ice cream and cupcakes with some little bell favors. Someone finally got suspicious and picked up the favor. On each bell was a poem "I'm a tiny bell with a story to tell, which we no longer want to hide, and you can guess it very well by looking on the other side." Our initials were on entwined hearts. I displayed my engagement ring and the secret was out.

Our plans were still not certain until the Tyrone School Board and Superintendent MILLER asked for a deferment for VERNON until they could get a replacement for his position. In order to keep the staff, the rule about marriage was changed, and we made plans to be married on February 14th, his McFeaters grandparents anniversary. We were married in the First Methodist Church in Tyrone, PA with an informal ceremony. My brother ARTHUR was best man, and my attendant was my childhood friend, BETTY LOUISE REBERT, who was employed by the State Department in Harrisburg, PA. Her mother, RUTH, had been my confidant through the years when they lived in Lambertsville, PA, near my Stonycreek home. Her mother is still living in Harrisburg. BETTY married NELSON PEREGOY, now deceased. Other members of the wedding party were WILLARD KERR and ROBERT BLOOM, ushers. After the ceremony the reception lunch was held at the American Legion Hall in Tyrone with the following guests present: Mr. and Mrs. R.A. POOBAUGH, Mr. and Mrs. HARRY A. ZEITLER, MARLENE POORBAUGH, KARL POORBAUGH, JANE LUCAS, Mrs. BLOOM, ROBERT BLOOM, WILLARD KERR, LEE BILLINGSLEY, BETTY SMITH, Mrs. J.B. CAMPBELL, Mrs. F.C. SKELLY and family, Dr. and Mrs. NORMAN MILLER, Mr. and Mrs. VALGENE ROUTH, Mr. and Mrs. D.B. KLOSS, BETTY KLOSS, ARTHUR POORBAUGH, BETTY L. REBERT and Rev. SHUE.

After the reception the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. VERNON ARTHUR ZEITLER, drove to Bedford, PA, where the first night of the honeymoon was spent at the Fort Bedford Inn. The second night was

spent at the home of my grandparents Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE WASHINGTON WITT. This was the only time VERNON saw Grandpa WITT. He died the next year. It was quite a treat to have that visit, and especially to have steak and fried potatoes for breakfast. Since their guest room was not heated, Grandma insisted I wear one of her outing nightgowns, since I had left my nightgown at the Fort Bedford Inn. So we could have the extra day for our honeymoon, some of our teacher friends were taking care of the rationing registration we were supposed to be doing in Tyrone.

We set up housekeeping in a two-room apartment on Lincoln Avenue in Tyrone, PA, sharing the bath with the family, the Manns. We bought a small sofa and divided the front room into kitchen, dining, and living room areas. Everything else was furnished, including an antique gas stove. My father gave us a newer stove after the old oven blew-up in our faces.

During this semester VERNON and I were both commuting to Penn State on Saturdays to take advanced vocational courses and to visit my brother, ARTHUR, who was still a student there. During the winter we enjoyed ice skating, and while walking in the local park we found a tree with the initials H.Z. carved in the bark. VERNON's father, HARRY ZEITLER, had carved them while visiting relatives in Tyrone when he was courting his future wife, LYDIA BEOLIA McFEATERS.

During the summer of 1942 we visited my folks in Somerset County but spent most of the time at the home of VERNON's parents in Indiana, PA. In the fall we returned to our teaching positions in Tyrone and lived at the Lincoln Avenue apartment until we were able to find another apartment. This one had four rooms with a private bath! We already had the stove and sofa. We bought a channel-back chair (which we still have with several layers of cloth added), a Duncan Phyfe table, refractory table and chairs for the dining room. Also, a seven piece walnut bedroom suite, which we never could place all in one room until we moved into our home on Southern Oaks Drive in LAKE JACKSON in 1969.

Vernon taught chemistry, physics, and special classes for Vocational Chemistry and Physics. I taught Home Economics for all the seventh, eighth, and ninth grade girls. In addition to our teaching responsibilities, we sold and collected tickets at football games, and taught Sunday School in the First Methodist Church. Some of our friends were still around, although MARJORIE LEONARD had married the mathematics teacher, PAUL AURAND, who was leaving for service. ROBERT BLOOM and WILLARD KERR were both inducted into the service. VERNON had tried to enlist in the Navy in June 1942, but was rejected because of his teeth. He was accepted for the Army Air Corps Cadets as soon as his draft board would release him. He was called up, and left Tyrone for service 9 March 1943. I remember feverishly cleaning the kitchen cupboards after he left.

After going to the Classification Center at Nashville, TN, VERNON was sent to Selman Field, Monroe, LA for Pre-flight Navigation training. As soon as the semester was over I took the train to Monroe, where I stayed in a hotel. He was not allowed off the base (cadets were not considered married men). I rode the bus and met him at the gate. This was a short visit since he had to go to Florida for Gunnery School. I spent part of that summer with Vernon's parents while taking some courses in Art, Advanced Sewing and Visual Education at the local college, where I had almost gone in the first place. I visited my family by bus and years later we discovered the lady who sat next to me was his cousin who was surprised to know that I was married to VERNON ZEITLER. She was ANNA MARGARET McFEATERS, now Mrs. JOSEPH LOMNICKI of Brushvalley, PA whom we have recently visited and become very fond of. During our visit, ANNA MARGARET and JOE celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with a party six weeks before their actual anniversary, on 23 Oct 1988.

I went back to Tyrone in September 1943 for my third year of teaching. As the school laws were written, one had to complete three full years to achieve tenure, which would give one the opportunity to teach for ten more years without any further course work. Since my first semester did not apply I needed to teach one more semester to qualify. I was given my Permanent Teaching Certificate early in December, and had to make the decision whether to resign from my position to be with VERNON, or keep it in case he would be sent overseas. I chose the former and took the train to Monroe. This time he was able to meet me at the hotel. It was then that I met FRANCES and JOHN TOWNSEND. They had been married a short time before and she and I waited for the Cadets to receive their commissions. We have a special fond memory of cooking a complete meal in one small drip coffee pot in our hotel room with JOHN and FRANCES. They were from Kansas and we from Pennsylvania, never dreaming that years later we would be exchanging meals and coffee, prepared in a more conventional way in Texas. They moved to Houston a short time before we moved to the Freeport area just fifty miles away. We kept in touch for the thirteen years between, and have shared our joys and sorrows since then.

The Cadets received their commissions as Second Lieutenants in the Army Air Corps one minute after midnight 23 Dec 1943, and we left immediately on the troop train for PA for a two week leave. We arrived in time to spend Christmas at the home of VERNON's parents. That was a joyous Christmas. After visiting with the families, we went back to Monroe, LA. VERNON had an excellent record during his Cadet training and was re-assigned to Selman Field as a Navigation Instructor. We rented an apartment from Mrs. CLAUDE THORNHILL and went back to house-keeping. VERNON was later assigned to the Air Sea Rescue School at Keesler Field, Biloxi, MS. While we were in Biloxi we lived on the beach in a double cottage at Twin Oaks, which was completely destroyed by a later hurricane. It was here that I became acquainted with the big wood cockroaches. We would spray on our side and they would be back when our neighbor sprayed. In spite of that it was a charming

place to live. We were able to spend some time on Ship Island out in the Gulf, a favorite R and R for service personnel. I would watch the PBY's flying low over the beach, knowing that one of them could be VERNON and crew.

From there we went to Nashville, and then Memphis, TN. I shared an apartment with one of the other navigator's wives, MARY COLLINS ROSE, while her husband, HUDSON ROSE, and VERNON were doing ferrying duty (flying new bombers to England) waiting for their PBY's to be ready for service. VERNON was transferred to Mather Field, Sacramento, CA and I had the usual trip back home after each transfer. I always managed to catch up to him at the next base, but this time it was different. I went to Chicago by train and visited VERNON's first cousin THELMA ZEITLER FULTON, her husband, JACK FULTON, and several of their children, whom I had never met before. When I tried to get the train out of Chicago for Sacramento there was only one upper berth available which I shared with a pretty young girl, ADELE ADAIR, who said she was on her way to visit her sister in Hollywood to try to get into the movies. I hope she made it. At least it was good to have a companion since most of the other passengers were extra friendly sailors.

While awaiting orders for overseas, VERNON and I rented a room in a private home across from the California State Capitol. This was an interest-ing place. The park contains plants or trees from every state and even in February was very attractive. We took a basket leave and went sightseeing in San Francisco. We rode the cable cars, were separated, but got together at the next corner by running after the car. We even had a drink at the Top of the Mark (Mark Hopkins Hotel), but I could only get in by showing my driver's license. After about six weeks MARY ROSE and I saw our husbands off on their flight over the Pacific. We did not know until later that both PBY's had to return before they made the final flight to the Hawaiian Islands.

MARY ROSE invited me to go back with her and visit her family in Humble, Texas. We went sightseeing in Los Angeles on our way home. I had never been to Texas, and while there we shopped in Houston. I was amazed to see one whole floor of a shop with gabardine suits all sizes in all of the pastel colors. VERNON had brought me some wool gabardine from England which I had made into a suit with an EISENHOWER jacket. On that first visit to Houston I could see church steeples all over the city but only a few tall buildings, not anything like it is today. MARY went back with me on the train to New Orleans, where we went to Antoine's famous restaurant and other sightseeing before leaving for Alabama, where I visited my brother ARTHUR and his bride, POLLY MUSSER. POLLY returned to Pennsylvania with me.

We had been concerned that during our three years of marriage we had not become parents. I had tests made and was told by the family surgeon, Dr. TIMOTHY KREDEL, that it was necessary for me to have surgery. As soon as I returned to Indiana, plans were made, and I soon recovered from the surgery performed at the Indiana Hospital. VERNON'S

parents gave me excellent care. His dad even carried me up the stairs when I came home from the hospital.

As soon as I was able I applied for a job teaching sewing at the local Singer Sewing Center, and had also applied to the American Red Cross to do Canteen duty overseas. I was just beginning an evening class my second week at the Singer Center when the sirens and church bells all began to ring and in a few minutes the streets were full of people. The Japanese had just surrendered. THE WAR WAS OVER!

CHAPTER 2

THE CHILDREN OF THELMA POORBAUGH AND VERNON ZEITLER

On the fifth of January 1946, my twenty-eighth birthday, 1st Lt. VERNON ZEITLER came home to his wife and parents. He had been stationed on Oahu, but had temporary assignments to other areas in the Pacific for rescue duties. After the Japanese surrendered, he was assigned to the Central Pacific Wing as Wing Navigator and Briefing Officer, and then to Hickam Field in Hawaii. Since he still had fifteen months of active duty he came home to help with plans for me to join him in Hawaii.

I had already resigned the sewing job with the Singer Co., and did not accept the Red Cross duty. Everything was arranged as soon as possible for me to go to the Hawaiian Islands, and I was on the second ship of dependents leaving San Francisco. The ship was the former luxury liner the Lurline, of the Matson Lines. She had been stripped of her glamour for use as a troop ship, but was still quite a thrill for one who had never been on a large ship. Happily, I had no problem with sea sickness and the four days were a real treat. I arrived in time to celebrate our fourth anniversary. In spite of the separations we had always been able to celebrate our anniversaries together. We were located at 904 Porter Avenue on Hickam Field, in a very attractive one-story house with three bedrooms and a carport. It was made very comfortable with tables, chairs, and punnets that VERNON made from scrap lumber. I had taken my portable sewing machine and made drapes, table covers, etc. from surplus target cloth. We bought a "seasoned" Studebaker (1932 model) and took tours around Oahu every chance we had. Fourteen years on the island had taken its toll. One window was gone and replaced with plexiglass. The fenders were held up by straps which VERNON made from bands of stainless steel. When we left I sold it to an army sergeant who took off in a cloud of dust, and the fender fell off at the first turn. That poor old thing had never gone more than thirty miles per hour until he got it. We sold it for the same price we had originally paid.

On the sixth of May, VERNON's 29th birthday, I met him after work with the news we were finally going to be parents, in early December. We lived next door to GEORGE and MARY MILLER who had two children, so the time went quickly. We joined the other Islanders celebrating the fifth anniversary of Pearl Harbor under the flag which had flown on 7 Dec 1941. It was brought back from the States for this occasion. On 19 Dec 1946 our first son, ARTHUR WILLIAM, was born. "ARTHUR" was from the middle names of his father and grandfather ZEITLER and his uncle RALPH ARTHUR POORBAUGH. The WILLIAM was to honor his great-grandfather, WILLIAM McFEATERS, and uncle, KARL WILLIAM POORBAUGH. This was an "assembly line" baby delivered by an Army doctor. The "Baby Boom" had started. We spent nine days in a dormitory with other new arrivals and their mothers. The bill when we left Tripler Hospital at Fort Shafter was nine dollars.

It was an interesting experience to have a baby in a tropical climate. The baby clothes, especially the diapers which grandmother ZEITLER had sent from the States dried very quickly, and a great deal of time could be spent outdoors. We bought a 16 mm movie camera and took lots of pictures, especially of the new baby and the beautiful scenery. In February my father and his new bride, NETTIE GLESSNER, whom he had married several years after the death of his second wife, came to visit. It was a proud moment for him to see his first grandchild.

VERNON had applied for a commission in the Regular Army, and since it had not arrived when the present tour was over we went back to PA. We left Oahu May 1st on a transport ship which took longer than the Lurline. In San Francisco we boarded a DC-3 at about five pm and after 23 landings arrived in Pittsburgh in the morning of 12 May 1946. My sixteen year old sister, MARLENE, held her nephew for the first time. My parents drove us to Indiana where VERNON's dad was gravely ill and died a few minutes after we arrived. It must have been a very traumatic time for Mother ZEITLER to lose her husband and greet her first grandchild on the same day. There was always a special bond between them.

Captain VERNON A. ZEITLER became a civilian again. Before the commission in the Regular Army came through he had accepted a position on the faculty of the Indiana State Teachers College, his alma mater, to teach science. He was discharged from the Air Force Reserves in 1961 with the rank of Major. Since Mother ZEITLER was alone in the large brick house near the campus she invited us to move in with her. She had always had a beautiful garden, both flowers and vegetables, and it was a very comfortable home. Here we resumed the pinochle playing I had been taught by the ZEITLER'S, which accounted for many pleasant evenings before and after that time.

When ARTHUR was baptized in the First Methodist Church in Indiana, to which VERNON and his parents belonged, I joined the church, transferring my membership from the St. Paul's Reformed Church in Shanksville, PA. One day while trying to maneuver the stroller with our young son up the steps of the post office a hearty gentleman was helpful and asked, "Who is that boy?" When I told him, "He is HARRY ZEITLER's grandson" he remarked, "Oh I've know him for years. He was a fine man. We miss him. This boy reminds me of my grandson who lives in New York, and I seldom get to see him." The man was ALEX STEWART, the father of the actor, JAMES STEWART. ALEX owned the largest hardware store in town. Although "JIMMY STEWART" had been one of my favorite actors, I'm happy to say I'm glad our son has grown to resemble his father rather than a STEWART.

On the 7th of October 1948 our second son, ERIC RALPH, was born in the same hospital as his father, Indiana Memorial. In 1950 we purchased a home on Washington Street and moved our growing family. My sister, MARLENE, was attending the college and spent most weekends with us. She and their grand-mother ZEITLER were the only baby sitters

we had. We had a big garden which VERNON cultivated and planted, and the boys and I harvested. Vernon bought a walk-behind tractor, which converted to a snow blower in the winter. Even with a big freezer we had enough surpluses to sell in the neighborhood. I especially enjoyed the red raspberries and grapes that we grew. During the next five years VERNON was able to receive both his Master's and Doctorate in chemistry by attending the University of Pittsburgh and Case-Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH.

Several near tragedies occurred during those years amid all the good times. The first incident took place when we allowed our precious three-year old, ARTHUR, to attend a church bible school. We put him on the bus with the other children, but when we went to pick him up that evening he was not on the bus. We reported this to the police, and after receiving word that he had been put on the bus at the school we spent some frantic moments trying to find him. Finally I received a call from a lady at the other end of the city who said his father and the police were bringing ARTHUR home. He had left the bus at the wrong end of town but was making his way in the correct direction when the lady, who knew the family, saw him trying to drink from a puddle in the street and took him in to call the police.

An event even more traumatic occurred on 26 Feb 1952 while I was driving ARTHUR to kindergarten on the College campus. While backing the car out of the driveway, the door on his side came open and he fell to the street. He was not noticeably hurt, but I took him to the hospital for examination. It wasn't long until he became very pale. Dr. KREDEL, who fortunately was present, diagnosed internal injuries. A specialist was called from Pittsburgh, and that evening it was discovered that the blood supply to one of his kidneys had been severed, causing the internal bleeding, and his right kidney had to be removed. He completely recovered and has been able to live a normal life.

After living in a tropical climate, VERNON and I were not happy living where there was cold weather. The boys had frequent bouts with ear infections and colds. One Christmas the roads were such that we could not make our usual visit to my parents. In fact they were so bad that VERNON was unable to attend his graduation to receive his doctorate in Cleveland. In 1954 Hurricane Hazel came through Pennsylvania and poured several feet of water into our basement, flooding our utilities. I tried to help lift the freezer above the flood water, and as a consequence was taken to the hospital with a miscarriage.

VERNON had always been interested in finding a position in the chemical industry. Early in 1956 he answered an ad for a chemist by the Dow Chemical Company in Freeport, Texas. He went to Freeport for an interview, and was offered a position. We made plans to leave by putting the house up for sale and hiring a mover for the furniture. We bought a new station wagon, and packed it so full that there was only room for the driver. It was necessary for the boys and me to fly,

since we were expecting our third child in September. We said goodbye to our PA family on Memorial Day 1956.

My brother, KARL, had been married for several years to MARY ANN MCHANEY of San Antonio. Their first child, SUSAN, had been born in January, and they were living in Memphis, TN, en route to PA. They met us at the airport, and we visited until VERNON arrived. The JOHN TOWNSENDS met our plane in Houston the next day, and VERNON came for us the following day after unloading the station wagon in Freeport, where we had rented a house. It had been thirteen years since we had seen the TOWNSENDS, and it was a great reunion. A few years later their daughter DIANNE and her husband HAROLD WEISS moved to Lake Jackson, where they have lived ever since, and raised their four children: DEBRA, CRAIG, KEITH and KARA.

We lived in a duplex rental house in Freeport until we could find a house in Lake Jackson. We bought a three bedroom house at 204 Carnation Street, and lived there until 1969 when we moved to 455 Southern Oaks Dr. Our third son, KURT was born 8 Sept 1956 in the Dow Hospital in Freeport.

When ARTHUR had been recuperating from the kidney surgery in 1952, we purchased a television set. He later became so interested in the Disney story of the Alamo, and especially the character of Davy Crockett, that he wanted to see if it really existed. One of the first trips we made after moving to Texas was to San Antonio. Our sister-in-law, MARY ANN POORBAUGH's parents, KEMPER and DORIS MCHANEY, lived there, and since we moved south when she moved north, we joked about exchanging parents. They had a lovely colonial style home with fields of bluebonnets. The older boys enjoyed the Alamo, and later, after KARL and MARY ANN had their second daughter, we all enjoyed the sights of the sunken gardens, the zoo and the ride on the little train through Breckenridge Park. Years later we visited KEMPER at his cottage in Rockport. DORIS had died several years earlier, although she had survived for five years after open heart surgery by Dr. Denton Cooley. KEMPER died in 1983.

Soon after we moved to Lake Jackson I joined the Brazosport Chapter of the American Association of University Women. Having been a member since 1947 in Indiana, PA, I was pleased to belong to this chapter. Through the years I had the opportunity to attend many state-wide meetings, and especially to be President of the local chapter when we conducted the State Convention in Lake Jackson in 1972. I represented the chapter at the 1988 Convention in Corpus Christi, TX. Social and community involvements included monthly dinners with the CLINTON BEST family and the ALLISON MORRIS family, each having children near the age of our older boys. LELA MAE MORRIS has been one of my dearest friends.

We became members of the First United Methodist Church of Lake Jackson. I was a part time teacher for the ladies Sunday School Class, and VERNON attended the Men's Bible Class. We belonged to a monthly

bridge club for nearly twenty years, which included RAYMOND and NANCY SMITH, JO and L. C. SHEPARD, ELIZABETH and RAY SHERMAN. We also belonged to a twenty-five couple Dine and Dance Club in the early years in Lake Jackson.

The year after we moved to Texas, Mother Zeitler fell at her home in Indiana PA and broke her arm. We convinced her that she should join us in Texas, since VERNON was her only child and she could be with her family. She arrived in September 1958 and lived in the apartment we had built in the back of our home, and was able to be self sufficient until she fell on the patio in 1962 and broke her hip. We built a large family room to connect the apartment with the main house, and she was able to join the family for meals. She became ill with cancer and died in 1965. She did not seem to recognize us during the last few days, but spoke to ARTHUR, who had come back from the University of Texas where he was a sophomore to see his "NI-NI." She had been very influential in his growing-up years and was one of the reasons he was always a very conscientious student. MARLENE, having spent a great deal of time at our house in Indiana, PA, had helped teach him the fundamentals of reading. Someone was either reading with him or to him almost every bedtime in his early years. Vernon read some of his favorite novels to Arthur & Eric when they were young. The novels of Jules Verne helped inspire Eric's interest in science fiction.

As a member of the First United Church of Lake Jackson, ARTHUR was a member of Youth Fellowship and attended church camps. We should not have been surprised when he invited us to attend Honors Night his Junior year at Brazosport High School. He said he would probably get an award in Physical Education. These awards were given to the top student in each subject. As it turned out he received nothing in P.E., but he did receive certificates in four subjects. One was in history, which became one of his lifetime interests. He graduated from Brazosport High School 29 May 1964 in the Honor group. By taking credits at Alvin Junior College, he was able to receive his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas in three years, participating in Honors Day 15 April 1967, with recognition for scholastic achievement. It was a proud day for us when we attended his graduation ceremonies on the campus of the University of Texas.

ARTHUR's next three years were spent at the Southern Methodist University School of Law, Dallas, TX, where he received the Jess Hay Scholarship. In May 1970 he was graduated from the Southern Methodist University School of Law with the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence, one of the youngest at the age of 23. He had been an editor of the Southwestern Law Journal, a member of Order of the Coif, Barristers, Advocates, Legal Aid and Phi Alpha Delta. After passing the Bar examination he was made a member of the Texas Bar Association and became associated with the Corpus Christi law firm of Branscomb, Gary, Thomasson and Hall. He has since practiced corporate and banking law with Gary, Thomasson, Hall and Marks Professional Corp. In 1994 he opened his own law firm (website: www.zeitlerlaw.com).

ARTHUR had just moved into an apartment on Shoreline Drive in Corpus Christi, TX when hurricane Celia hit that part of the Texas coast in the fall of 1970. He helped friends secure their sailboats, and neither he nor his new Pontiac GTO suffered any damage. We were not able to contact him since his phone was out. Strangely enough, he was able to call us from an apartment next door, where the phone was intact but the furniture had blown out through the patio door. Soon after that his car was completely wrecked by an uninsured person, but he was not hurt. He did have something good happen. He became acquainted with a lovely lady who worked for his firm. He and CAROL ANN JARVIS WIGHT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. JARVIS, were married 28 August 1971 in the Chapel of the First Methodist Church in Corpus Christi by the Rev. DON PEVEY, who had been one of the first ministers of our First Methodist Church in Lake Jackson.

CAROL ANN and ARTHUR have been active in civic affairs in Corpus Christi. CAROL ANN has served as an active member of the Junior League and is past President of the Wood River Women's Club. They have been active in the Arts Council, Art-mobile of South Texas, and Nueces County Democratic Club. Arthur was one of thirty men and women chosen for the Third Class of the Leadership Corpus Christi Program for 1974-75, and was chosen as Chairman for the Fifth Class by the Chamber President. He has served on the Administrative Board of St. Luke's United Methodist Church. In Nov 1976 he served as Regional Coordinator for the Democratic Presidential Election, and attended the State Convention as a Delegate. He was elected one of the 26 members of the Electoral College, which met in Austin, Texas to elect the President and Vice President of the United States. ARTHUR and CAROL ANN were invited to attend the Inauguration of President JIMMY CARTER. ARTHUR is presently a member of the Corpus Christi Southside Rotary Club, and recently served a term as president. One of their efforts was to help establish the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi. ARTHUR is Vice President for Exhibit Design. We all attended the ground-breaking ceremonies, 19 March 1989 in Corpus Christi and the Aquarium opening in July 1990.

ARTHUR has always had a hobby of planning extensive trips. He has been in all fifty states, Canada, Mexico and many other foreign countries both before and since his marriage.

CAROL ANN'S daughter by a former marriage, SUZANNE WIGHT, was born in Houston, Texas 23 August 1963. She attended schools in Corpus Christi and graduated from Ray High School in 1981 and Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA in 1987 with a BA in Human Biology. She had been living in San Francisco where she attended drama school and has had parts in several productions including "The Skin of Our Teeth" and "A Streetcar Named Desire." She is married to BEN WILSON and they have two children, daughter HANNAH JARVIS WILSON and son LOGAN SOLOMON WILSON.

CAROL ANN and ARTHUR'S son KEVIN ARTHUR was born in Fort Worth, TX 13 Aug 1976. He was student in the Calallen School District in

Corpus Christi. He has traveled extensively with his parents including a trip to Europe, several trips to Alaska, Canada, an African safari and scuba diving trips with his father. Both are certified scuba divers. In the summer of 1989 he attended the National Boy Scouts of America Jamboree in VA. His father had attended the Fiftieth Jamboree in Colorado twenty-nine years earlier.

ERIC RALPH, our second son, was born 7 October 1948 in the Memorial Hospital, Indiana, PA where his father had been born thirty-one years earlier. He attended Nursery School and Keith Elementary School on the campus of the State Teachers College, Indiana, PA. He was enrolled in the Lake Jackson Elementary School and attended school in the Methodist Church because of a shortage of classrooms until the Beutel School was built in our neighborhood. He attended the Lake Jackson Junior High School where he played cornet in the band and was a member of the Science Club. In his sophomore year of high school he won a third place prize in Earth Science in the science fair. In his junior year he acted in a school production of "The Skin of Our Teeth". He graduated from Brazosport High School in May 1966.

Several months after entering Texas Tech University in 1966, ERIC was knocked from his motorcycle by a car which cut across his path. The knee injury he received required surgery which interrupted his education, although he later attended Alvin Junior College and Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, TX.

ERIC constructed many ship and airplane models through the years. One is a model of a PBV-6A, the plane his father flew in overseas in World War II, which he made for his father's birthday. His most extensive hobby has been to construct HO scale model railroad layouts and equipment. This hobby developed from his father's interest in model railroading and ERIC has constructed room-size layouts in most of the houses where he has lived. He constructed a portable layout with complete equipment for his nephew, KEVIN. In addition to his model making hobby he has constructed furniture, has an extensive stamp collection, and is an avid reader.

ERIC has worked for the Dow Chemical Company, Freeport, TX, and for the Garrett Pharmacy in Lake Jackson. For ten years he was employed as a watch-maker by the Nowlin Jewelry Co., beginning as an apprentice watchmaker under the instruction of the owner, Mr. JACK NOWLIN. He became a Registered Watchmaker, attending specialized training seminars for Accutron and Seiko watches. Since 15 June 1981 ERIC has been employed by the Millar Instrument Co. of Houston, TX, first as a Mechanical Technician, and now as an Engineering Specialist. He is involved in designing, documenting, and constructing transducer tip catheters for medical research and clinical purposes. ERIC lived with the family until Jan 1973, when he rented a house in Lake Jackson. In June 1981 he moved to a rented house in Pasadena, TX, and in Feb 1984 he purchased a home near his work in Houston, TX. In 2010 he bought a house in Alpine TX, to which he plans to retire.

Our third son, KURT VERNON, was born 8 Sept 1956 in the Dow Hospital, Freeport, TX. He spent a lot of time visiting his grandmother Zeitler, "Ni-Ni," living next door. She taught him many things, as did Mrs. VIVIAN BOGGS, his nursery school teacher. One thing that KURT does remember was eating peanut butter and crackers with his grandmother and watching the Lawrence Welk show on television each week. One thing he learned on his own proved to be a great help in his future endeavors. When he was about nine years old we gave him a typewriter and records with which he taught himself to type. He became a crack typist and was a member of the team in U.I.L. competition. He also distinctly remembers attending a concert of the Fred Waring orchestra at Brazosport High School with his mother and meeting both Fred and his accordion player after the concert. Many years later, KURT saw the accordion player in another concert and recognized him. More recently his musical taste has shifted to country music.

KURT was also interested in sports, especially baseball and football. His Physical Education Instructor at Beutel School, Mr. Day, recognized his potential and encouraged him to play football. He was on a championship team in Intermediate School and during his sophomore year in high school he was one of two selected for the Varsity. For three years he played offensive right guard on the Brazoswood Buccaneers football team. His senior year, this team won the State 4A Championship in 1974, with a record of 14 wins and one non-district loss. A regional playoff game was played in the Astrodome in Houston and the State Championship game was played in Memorial Stadium, Austin, TX. Our entire family celebrated Christmas that year in Austin.

The next spring KURT made his second trip with the "Close-Up" Group to Washington, DC. This stimulated his interest in government and politics. He was proud to have become acquainted with prominent people such as Senator McGovern and former Texas Governor Ann Richards. Before graduating from Brazoswood High School in May 1975, KURT received a Letter of Commendation and Certificate from the National Merit Scholarship Committee. He was named in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

During his high school years he worked part time for the Nowlin Jewelry Co. He later worked at the Brazoria County Tax Office, Angleton, TX. He attended the University of Texas and the Austin Community College, and gained experience doing volunteer work for political aspirants. His early typing skills led to computer training and skill in programming. This resulted in his employment by the Texas Department of Agriculture as a Computer Specialist. Since then he has had similar positions with several employers and currently works for the Cen-Tex Head-Start program in Bastrop County TX as the head of the technology department.

KURT is a member of the Texas Exes and attends as many of the UT baseball and football games as he can each season. He and a group of

friends including sister Karlene and her family often take part in "tailgate" parties before and after football games. After thirteen years in rented apartments, he purchased a five acre farm near Elgin, TX, east of Austin, in a grove of trees and shrubs. Over the years he has had a number of dogs. For a while he did have some other farm animals such as geese, chickens, and other fowls.

During the summer of 1957 we drove on an eastern USA trip which included visits with family in Indiana, PA, Somerset, PA, Sand Penn Hills, PA, sight-seeing in Washington DC, Monticello, VA and Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga, TN. We visited many Civil War battlefields, especially because of VERNON'S long interest in that conflict.

We had planned to take our boys to Disneyland in 1961 but in January we announced to them that we would have to postpone that trip, since we were expecting a baby in July. The reaction of ARTHUR, the oldest was: "We knew you would think of some excuse not to go, but we didn't expect this!" The fact that his parents were 43 and 44 years of age probably contributed to his surprise. That was soon forgotten when their little sister arrived on 29 July 1961. We named her KARLENE BEOLIA. The first was a combination of my sister, MARLENE, and brother, KARL, whose birthdays fall one week before and one week after the baby's. The "BEOLIA" was for her grandmother, LYDIA BEOLIA ZEITLER. When she was young she frequently was called "CARLA" because Hurricane Carla swept through this area about six weeks after she was born. When Carla was threatening, we loaded the station wagon and fled inland to San Antonio. The next summer we took all four children to Disneyland and kept our promise.

In 1965 we made a family trip back to PA to visit family and see more Civil War sights. We also went to Washington D.C. and New York City, where we did the usual sight-seeing and went to a Broadway production of "Funny Girl", starring Barbra Streisand. We visited at the Indian Lake home of brother KARL and had a family reunion there with much of the family. It was the last time my children saw my father. He died less than a year later. It was also the last major family trip that included all of us.

In 1978 while ARTHUR was on a tour to parts of Europe, the rest of us drove to Presidio, and crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico, where we boarded the Chihuahua Al Pacifico Ferrocarrile to Chihuahua. The railroad passes over twenty-seven bridges and through seventy-three tunnels on the way through Copper Canyon and the Sierra Madre mountains. We stopped in Ciudad Chihuahua, and then went on to Los Mochis on the coast. We continued as far into Mexico as Lake Chapala and Guadalajara, then took a bus back through Mazatlan. Then we took the train back to Texas. ERIC'S 3 years of Spanish classes helped out, especially in the markets.

Growing up with three older brothers, KARLENE was a gregarious, yet very feminine young lady. She took ballet and piano lessons, and played softball for nine years. She was chosen for the all-star team

each year, and won her first of 29 trophies after helping the Pandas win a championship. Her teams through subsequent years represented Texas in National Tournaments in Kansas City, MO and Binghamton, NY. The latter trip was made by bus with her parents, brother KURT, coaches, and families of the other team members.

KARLENE attended A.P.Beutel Elementary School for three years and then was at Elizabeth Ney Elementary after the family moved to Southern Oaks Drive. She attended Lake Jackson Intermediate School, where she played flute in the band, was a cheerleader and was on the honor roll. Her Homemaking teacher, Mrs. WITTNEBEN taught her to sew, and she was able to make some of her own clothes. Her Homemaking teacher at Brazoswood High School, KATHY CHRISTIANSON POLAND was an important influence during her high school years. She played basketball for three years, and also joined the drill team, the Buccaneer Belles, for her senior year. During that year, 1979, at graduation she was named the outstanding Vocational Student, having received Merit Awards each year, and achieved the honor roll.

During her teen years KARLENE had often been employed as a baby sitter. She acquired an interest in merchandising by working at the Foxmoor Dress Shop at Brazos Mall, and the Joske's Department Store in Austin, TX. She entered the School of Home Economics at the University of Texas in the fall of 1979. Her internship was spent during her senior year at a fabric shop in Dallas, TX. She received the Bachelor of Science in Home Economics with a major in Fashion Merchandising in May 1983. Since this was the Centennial Year for the University, they wore burnt orange robes instead of the traditional black gowns. She achieved a 4.0 average her senior year.

During the spring break her senior year KARLENE went to Los Angeles, CA at her own expense to seek a position with the J.W. Robinson Department Stores. A short time later she was invited to return to Los Angeles for interviews at their expense and she accepted their offer of a position in June as a Marketing Trainee. She had purchased a Buick Regal the fall before and we accompanied her to Los Angeles with our RV trailer. We spent a few anxious hours when mother and daughter became separated from VERNON, who was driving the truck and trailer in Phoenix, AZ until we caught up with him at the RV Camp in Blythe, CA. She was employed by the Robinson Co. for nearly six years in various capacities, mostly in the "flagship store" in downtown Los Angeles. Before attaining her goal as a buyer, she had the position of Assistant Manager of a new store in Thousand Oaks, CA. She has traveled with a team of buyers in table-top and house wares to contact vendors supplying the 26 Robinson Co. Stores in southern CA. She later was employed as a buyer for Lamps Plus in CA, and has been on buying trips to Taiwan, Dallas, and San Francisco.

She has served as bridesmaid for three of her college roommates and best girlhood friend EMILY LOTT LARVIN. On Christmas 1987 she became engaged to GEORGE EDWARD MAAS, son of MARJORIE and FREDERICK MAAS, SR. of Bay Shore, NY, now living in Manchester Village, VT. They

were married 21 May 1988 in a formal wedding at the Westwood United Methodist Church, in Los Angeles. Her attendants were: Matron of Honor, EMILY LARVIN; Bridesmaid, LISA KIRCHNER of Los Angeles. CECILIA GIMBER of Santa Anna CA was a member of the house party. Her three brothers: ARTHUR, ERIC and KURT and GEORGE'S two brothers: JOSEPH and FREDERICK, JR. served as Ushers and KEVIN, her nephew, was Junior Usher. She was escorted down the aisle by her father, and the following guests were present: Mrs. VERNON ZEITLER, MARLENE TEICHERT, KARL and MARY ANN POORBAUGH, POLLY and CLINTON WILKERSON, CAROL ANN ZEITLER, JEAN NORTHCUTT, friends and associates from the University of Texas and Robinson's. The guests also included GEORGE'S parents, his grandmother, Mrs. MAURENE O'CONNOR, his aunt, Mrs. JACK CASEY; sisters: MAUREEN and RITA MAAS, Mrs. JOHN SWEENEY; Mr. and Mrs. TOM KENNEDY, his Godparents, and a family friend Mrs. CARRIE McDONALD.

After a trip to Paris, Munich, and Vienna, KARLENE and GEORGE established their residence in Los Angeles where GEORGE was manager of the Accounting Department for the Robinson Company, which later was affiliated with the May Company. He is a graduate of the West Islip High School, Long Island, NY, and received his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from St. Michael's University in Winooski, VT. KARLENE and GEORGE moved to Glendale, CA in 1989. They returned to Texas in May 1989 to attend KARLENE'S 10th anniversary high school reunion. Their first child, GEOFFREY EDWARD, was born in California 14 July, 1991. In 1993 they moved to Mountaintop Pennsylvania when George's job was changed to nearby Wilkes Barre PA. Their second child, CONNOR HARRISON, was born there 16 Feb 1994. In 1994 they moved to Carrollton, TX when George started a new job with Neiman Marcus in Dallas. In 1997 they moved to Flower Mound, TX. Their third child, CASEY CAROLINE, was born 11 Dec 2000.

All members of our family have all been involved in the Boy or Girl Scout programs down through the years. VERNON served as Scoutmaster of Troop 325 and Institutional Representative for the First Methodist Church. He attended two training sessions at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, one with the older boys, and another time later with THELMA, KURT and KARLENE. All three boys were Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Arthur became an Eagle Scout 24 Nov 1960 and attended the National Jamboree in Colorado Springs in 1960. In 1964 he represented the District in the Annual Report to the Governor, JOHN CONNELLY, and received the God and Country Award from the First Methodist Church in Lake Jackson. ERIC became an Eagle Scout in November 1962 and attended the Sixth National Jamboree at Valley Forge in 1964. KURT joined the Boy Scouts, but his involvement in athletics took precedence. KARLENE spent several years in the Brownies. THELMA was a Den Mother at two different times, and the family went on a camping trip together to the Philmont Scout Ranch.

I was able to return to Hood College for many of the five-year reunions, and took various members of the family along to most of these reunions. On several of these trips I visited my cousin, GARNETTE WELLER, who worked for the Department of Agriculture

in Washington, DC. It was her interest in finding the family roots that aroused mine, and also the fact that my father, RALPH A. POORBAUGH, had become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution in 1929 through the efforts of his cousin, WILLIAM H. HALL. As the result of his and other family members, the "BURBACH-POORBAUGH-PURBAUGH FAMILY IN AMERICA 1771-1974" was published in 1976. In 1989 THELMA and VERNON published "The 1988 Supplement to the BURBACH FAMILY HISTORY. The "GENEALOGY OF MICHAEL KORNS, SR" had been published in 1949. To my knowledge no other lineages on either side of my family have been published, and so this is my purpose to pass along as much as I have been able to accumulate that others may learn more about our family tree.

VERNON died on 4 Oct 1997 of complications resulting of having a cancerous tumor removed from his head several years earlier. He did live long enough to see Karlene's first 2 children. He was buried in Restwood Cemetary in Lake Jackson on 7 Oct 1997, ERIC's 49th birthday. In 2003, I sold my house on Hickory Street (where we had moved after VERNON's operation) and moved into the Carriage Inn retirement complex in Lake Jackson. In 2009 I moved to the Plantation Healthcare Center in Lake Jackson, recently renamed Oak Village Healthcare Center.

- 1.0 THELMA LEONE POORBAUGH
 - b. 5 Jan 1918, Londonderry Twp., Bedford County, PA
 - m. 14 Feb 1942, VERNON ARTHUR ZEITLER, Tyrone, PA

- 1.01 ARTHUR WILLIAM ZEITLER
 - b. 19 Dec 1946, Oahu, HI
 - m. 28 Aug 1971 CAROL ANN (JARVIS) WIGHT, Corpus Christi
 - b. 28 Oct 1942 Corpus Christi, TX

- 1.011 SUZANNE WIGHT WILSON
 - b. 23 Aug 1963, Houston, TX
 - m. 14 Aug 1993 BEN WILSON
 - b. Los Angeles, CA

- 1.0111 HANNAH JARVIS WILSON
 - b. 14 Nov 1996 San Francisco, CA

- 1.0112 LOGAN SOLOMOM WILSON
 - b. 10 Sep 2000 Redwood City, CA

- 1.012 KEVIN ARTHUR ZEITLER
 - b. 13 Aug 1976, Fort Worth, TX

- 1.02 ERIC RALPH ZEITLER
 - b. 7 Oct 1948, Indiana, PA

- 1.03 KURT VERNON ZEITLER
 - b. 8 Sept 1956, Freeport, TX

- 1.04 KARLENE BEOLIA ZEITLER
 - b. 29 July 1961, Freeport, TX
 - m. 21 May 1988, GEORGE EDWARD MAAS, Los Angeles, CA
 - b. 8 June 1962, West Islip, NY

- 1.041 GEOFFREY EDWARD MAAS
 - b. 14 Jul 1991, West Hills, CA

- 1.042 CONNOR HARRISON MAAS
 - b. 26 Feb 1994, Wilkes-Barre, PA

- 1.043 CASEY CAROLINE MAAS
 - b. 11 Dec 2000, Lewisville, TX

- 1.0* VERNON ARTHUR ZEITLER
 - b. 6 May 1917, Indiana, PA
 - d. 4 Oct 1997, Lake Jackson, TX

REFERENCES

Family Groups:

THELMA LEONE POORBAUGH and VERNON ARTHUR ZEITLER	1.0
ARTHUR WILLIAM ZEITLER and CAROL ANN (JARVIS) WIGHT	1.01
KARLENE BEOLIA ZEITLER and GEORGE EDWARD MAAS	1.04
RALPH ANDREW POORBAUGH and EDNA LEORA WITT	2.0

Birth Certificates:

PA Bureau of Vital Statistics, New Castle, PA: VERNON, THELMA, ERIC;
Bureau of Vital Statistics, Honolulu, HI: ARTHUR;
Brazoria County Court House, Angleton, TX: KURT, KARLENE;
Tarrant County Court House, Fort Worth, TX: KEVIN;
Harris County Court House, Houston, TX: SUZANNE WIGHT;
Nueces County Court House, Corpus Christi, TX: CAROL ANN JARVIS.

Marriage Certificates:

Huntingdon County Court House, Huntingdon, PA:
VERNON ZEITLER and THELMA POORBAUGH.
Nueces County Court House, Corpus Christi, TX:
ARTHUR ZEITLER and CAROL ANN JARVIS WIGHT
Los Angeles County Court House, Los Angeles, CA:
GEORGE EDWARD MAAS and KARLENE BEOLIA ZEITLER

CHAPTER 3

RALPH ANDREW POORBAUGH AND EDNA LEORA WITT

RALPH ANDREW POORBAUGH was born 6 Feb 1889 at the family home in Northampton Township, Somerset County, PA. He was the second child and first son of HARVEY McCLELLAN and ANNA MARGRETTA SCHELLER POORBAUGH. Having been raised on a farm with a large family, eight brothers and sisters, he was a kind and loving person. He was an outdoorsman, spending a great deal of his life among the trees, since his hobbies were hunting, fishing, traveling and photography. His lifetime vocation was lumber manufacturing. He was a faithful member of the Reformed Church, first at Mt. Lebanon, in Northampton Township, which his family had helped establish, and later at St. Paul's Reformed Church in Shanksville, which the family joined in 1935. He served as an Elder and Deacon, and attended Sunday School in both churches with his family.

After completing the eighth grade, and passing oral examinations, he taught in Elementary one-room schools, one year in Southampton, and three years in his home township of Northampton. He rode his horse between the school and his home on the family farm daily. This horse was part of what has become a family legend. EDNA WITT, who was nine years his junior, had just picked up her family mail at the post office in Wellersburg and dropped it as she mounted her riding horse. RALPH retrieved it without dismounting! Aunt GRACE WITT WELLER, EDNA'S older sister, told what happened soon after that incident. RALPH had invited GRACE to go with him to a dance. She took a friend and EDNA along. Coming home, she and her girl friend got into the back seat of the car, leaving EDNA to ride in the front with RALPH. GRACE did not want to reveal that she was already "spoken for" by BRUCE WELLER, whom she later married.

RALPH and EDNA LEORA, daughter of GEORGE WASHINGTON and ALICE LOUISA MOSER WITT, became engaged in 1916, and were married 3 Jan 1917 in Corriganville MD. Their honeymoon was a trip on the B&O Railroad to Roanoke VA, where they visited EDNA'S uncle, LEVI WITT, his wife MARY and family. They lived with her parents on the farm near Wellersburg for several months. RALPH commuted when the weather permitted while still working for his father and uncle's on their sawmills. He rented a room near Eilerslie, MD, and many endearing letters passed between the newly-weds. They were able to set up housekeeping by renting one side of a farm house near Madley, PA belonging to the WILLIAM CORLEY'S. RALPH had purchased his first sawmill, which was located nearby on Wolf Camp Run. This is where their first child, THELMA LEONE, was born 5 Jan 1918.

The first homestead was the 162 acre farm located in Fairhope Township, which was purchased 5 Apr. 1920, from the CYRUS HUTZEL heirs. The price was six thousand dollars, and included a brown board house, a red barn, a summerhouse, and several other small buildings. Much of the acreage was timberland and the stream at Brush Creek made a good location for the sawmill.

Two years later their first son, RALPH ARTHUR, was born. He was a precious roly-polly baby. He was a happy, obedient child and a delight to his sister. He was able to start first grade at the one-story "Dupstadt" school a short distance from our home when he was five years old. He was tall for his age, and an excellent student. Like his father, he loved the outdoors and especially hunting wild turkeys. His potato growing project for 4-H was

especially successful. He was a member of the local Boy Scout troop, and the star center for the Stonycreek High School basketball team. He was able to get lots of practice, having converted the threshing floor of the barn into a basketball court.

ARTHUR spent many hours at the sawmill as he was growing up and became co-owner in later years. After graduating from Penn State University he was inducted as a Cadet into the Army Air Corps. He graduated from Maxwell Field, AL as a second Lieutenant and became a Pilot Instructor at Courtland Field, AL. He had been a devoted member of the St. Paul's Reformed Church in Shanksville, and served as a Deacon for many years. He later attended the Roxbury Lutheran Church. His musical talent was expressed in many ways: singing in the church choir and glee club, playing the piano, typhany, snare and bass drums. He was especially proficient with the cornet, which he played in high school and college bands, and entertained with solos. His favorite was "The Flight of the Bumblebee."

ARTHUR AND PAULINE "POLLY" MUSSER, daughter of LOUIS and MARY MUSSER, were married 9 Feb. 1945 in the Roxbury Lutheran Church. They were high school classmates. She was a graduate of the Indiana State Teacher's College and an elementary teacher in the Stonycreek School at Shanksville. When World War II was over ARTHUR joined his father in the Poorbaugh Lumber Co. He and POLLY designed their first home and had it built at Roxbury, near her home. Some time later they moved to a spacious, elegant home in the pine woods above Indian Lake. They were involved with the organization and activities of the Indian Lake Association, especially playing golf on the local course, which had been designed by ARNOLD PALMER.

ARTHUR and POLLY raised two sons: CRAIG ALAN, born 2 Feb 1950 in MD, and JAMES GREGORY, born in Somerset County, PA 26 Aug 1958. CRAIG attended the Universities of Houston, West Virginia and Pittsburgh. His lifelong interest in home movies and tapes led to his employment by Westinghouse Electric Co. in the broadcast department in Pittsburgh where he lives. He and RENEE REED, daughter of FRED ARMER and CARLITA (MAERENE) COX REED, were married 3 July 1976 in Greensburg, PA. They have one child, ADAM STEWART, born 2 Oct 1981 in Pittsburgh, PA.

JAMES GREGORY graduated from Stonycreek High School and from the Johnstown branch of the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He married SUE CARMANY, daughter of RAY and MARIE CARMANY, and lived in Plymouth, MA. He is connected with the nuclear power plant and SUE is a librarian in Plymouth.

ARTHUR continued flying, owning a private plane. He flew his family to Texas to visit the ZEITLER family on one trip. On a trip I made to PA, after riding from Houston to Pittsburgh in a jet, and from Pittsburgh to Johnstown in a large commuter plane, ARTHUR picked me up, and we went across the mountain to Lake Stonycreek airport in a rain storm in his little single engine plane. I was confident in my brother's ability, but when we arrived he remarked to the family, "THELMA must have been scared because that is the only time I remember being with my sister for fifteen minutes that she didn't say a word."

Several years later I flew to attend CRAIG and RENEE's wedding in Greensburg, PA in July 1976. Before I left to visit Marlene and her family in Providence, RI, Arthur gave me a personal tour of the Poorbaugh Lumber plant. He pointed out all the improvements that had been made, especially since the

electric mill had been installed following the fire caused by the steam boiler that destroyed the earlier mill. That was our last time together.

On 19 Oct, three months later, ARTHUR met an untimely and tragic death with the discharge of a shotgun, the second great tragedy suffered by our family. He was only 54 years old, our MOTHER had died 41 years earlier at the age of 36. He was buried in Pittsburgh, PA in a mausoleum owned by a good friend. He was an exceptional person who was truly missed by his family as well as many people he had befriended through his short life. At the funeral services in the Lutheran Church in Somerset, PA, part of the eulogy stated: "ARTHUR was a faithful husband and father, a strength to his family. He was a church man who loved his church and served it. He was a patriot, serving his country at a time of great stress. He was a businessman, manifesting high ideals in business relationships. He was an outdoorsman, having a deep appreciation of the world of nature, and the conservation of natural resources. He was a community man, having an appreciation for the arts, music, education and culture. In all of these he was a supporter of the good, the true and the beautiful in life." He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Jaffa Shrine, the Berlin Lions Club, and the Sons of the American Revolution.

KARL WILLIAM, the second son and third child, was born at the family homestead in Stonycreek Township, 21 July 1929. He was a happy, delightful baby who was not disturbed by the economy of the time. While attending the Stonycreek Schools he participated in many activities, especially the band and sports. In 1946 as a Junior he was first string guard on the basketball team, which won 27 straight games and won the Western Pennsylvania Class C Championship only to lose the State Championship by two points. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA, with a B.A. in History and Government.

During his college years he played varsity basketball and baseball, receiving three letters in each sport. He played trumpet in the College Band, and was student conductor his senior year. During those years the F & M Band was considered one of the best small college bands in eastern United States. KARL had the opportunity to play solo trumpet with the band throughout the east and Florida. He was also a class officer and a member of Phi Sigma Kappa. At that time the Korean War was in full swing, and he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Upon graduation from Pilot training as a 2nd Lt. he was assigned to the Strategic Air Command (SAC) after completing four-engine transition to the B-29's. As pilot and aircraft commander in aerial tankers, he was part of SAC's pioneering air-refueling program from 1953 through 1956. He served in the Far East Theater and Iceland. While stationed at Bergstrom AFB in Austin, TX, he met MARY ANN MCHANEY, daughter of KEMPER C. and DORIS (HENRY) MCHANEY of San Antonio, TX. They were married 29 Jan 1955 after MARY ANN had received a degree from the University of Texas and taught Home Economics for one term. One year later their daughter Susan Marlene was born. They have two other daughters: CYNTHIA ANNE, born 15 Mar 1958, and JUDITH LEIGH, born 21 June 1961.

In 1956 KARL resigned from the Air Force, attended a hardwood lumber inspection school in Memphis, and moved to Somerset. At the same time THELMA, VERNON, and two sons, ARTHUR and ERIC were moving to Texas and visited the POORBAUGH'S in Memphis. KARL joined his brother ARTHUR in business in 1957 when they purchased the business from their father. In 1959 the Poorbaugh Lumber Co. constructed an all electric sawmill, manufacturing five million board feet of hardwood lumber per year.

In 1961 KARL was elected to the Board of Directors of the County Trust Co. of Somerset, PA, and to the Board of Trustees of his Alma Mater in 1980. He is a member of the Somerset Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, and has served as Deacon, Elder, and Trustee of the United Church of Christ (formerly the Reformed Church) of Somerset, PA. He has also served on the Boards of the Western PA Conservancy, and the Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers Association. KARL and MARY ANN are tennis enthusiasts and maintain their own court at their home.

Their children are SUSAN MARLENE, CYNTHIA ANNE, and JUDITH LEIGH POORBAUGH. SUSAN was an honor graduate of Somerset PA High School. She received a B.A. in English/German, from Bucknell University, and a M.A. in German Literature from Princeton University. She was married 29 June 1985 in St. Charles Borromeo Church, Brooklyn, NY to PETER JAMES BERNARD, born 4 Oct 1957, Nettic, MA, son of JOHN F. X. and JEANNE (SULLIVAN) BERNARD. Their children are: CLARE SULLIVAN BERNARD and ANDREW KEMPER BERNARD. They were living in London, England in 1990.

CYNTHIA ANNE POORBAUGH also attended Somerset High School and received a B.A. Degree from Kenyon College, and is employed as an artist in New York City.

JUDITH LEIGH POORBAUGH attended Somerset High School, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX and received a BA in French from Franklin and Marshall College, and a Masters degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She is employed by the State Department in Washington, DC.

MARLENE ALICE POORBAUGH, the fourth child of RALPH and EDNA, was born 4 Aug 1931 in Memorial Hospital, Johnstown, PA. She graduated from Somerset High School and earned a B.S. in Elementary Education, Indiana State Teachers College, Indiana, PA in 1952, and a M.S. from the University of Pittsburgh. She taught in Penn Township, Allegheny County, PA and married EDWARD TEICHERT, JR. in the United Church of Christ, Somerset, PA, 11 June 1954. After a varied career teaching in the schools of PA, NJ and RI, and work in Educational Testing she became connected with the Apple Computer Corporation. She was Manager of Education Market Operations Apple USA, Cupertino, CA. She is now retired and living in Oregon.

Their children are KAREN LEE, KURT EDWARD, and TRACY LYNN TEICHERT. KAREN LEE was born 3 Sept. 1956, three days before KURT ZEITLER. MARLENE and THELMA wanted to have their babies together, but the ZEITLERS had moved to Texas, so that was not possible. They have been able to share many of the family events. THELMA, who was matron-of-honor for MARLENE's wedding, visited KAREN while she was a student in Concord, NH., and attended her wedding at the Morristown NJ Arboretum. She and her husband, JORGE ESCALONA, who is an Executive with AT&T, lived in Spain, Mexico, and now in Florida. Daughter HEIDI is from JORGE's first marriage. The parents of JORGE LUIS ESCALONA are FABIO and HAYDEE (MAULINI) ESCALONA.

KURT EDWARD graduated from high school in Providence, RI, from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA., with a B.A., and he received an M.S. from Oregon State University. He married KAREN BOITNOTT in 1983 and they are the parents of DEREK HILLARY and KEVIN. They are now living on Cape Cod, and Kurt is Site Manager of the New Albany Institute in Wareham, MA. VERNON and THELMA visited KURT and KAREN in Oregon, and then several years later traveled to meet their attractive blond children in Cape Cod.

TRACEY was born in Rockaway, NJ, during a "Norther" in 1962. She graduated from high school in Morristown NJ, and received a Bachelors Degree from the University of Toronto. She is now living in Santa Cruz, CA, and is an employee of Apple USA.

Both KAREN and TRACEY have had an interest in drama, and each has participated in numerous plays, as had their Mother MARLENE, and grandmother EDNA. All of the children are "horsemen", especially while living in Carlisle PA. They also lived in Penn Hills and Hershey PA, Providence RI, Chester, Morristown, and Long Beach Island NJ.

Although the Poorbaugh family is widespread, we keep in touch, and have been able to visit other members at least once a year, although some of the cousins have not been together for some time. It is interesting to note that at the time of the Nov 1989 earthquake, with its epicenter near Santa Cruz, four of the closest family members were living in CA, but only one was present in the state that day. KARLENE ZEITLER MAAS was in Taiwan, TRACY was in Hawaii, MARLENE had just departed Hawaii on her way to Australia, and SUZANNE WIGHT was driving from work to her home in Redwood City, CA. MARLENE was also living in Redwood City at that time. Fortunately none were injured, and damage to their homes was not severe.

2.0 RALPH ANDREW POORBAUGH

- b. 6 Feb 1889 Northampton Township Somerset County, PA
- m. 3 Jan 1917 Corriganville, MD EDNA LEORA WITT
- d. 30 April 1966 Brunswick, GA

1.1 THELMA LEONE POORBAUGH (See Chapters 1 & 2, 1.0)

- b. 5 Jan 1918 Londonderry Township Bedford County, PA
- m. 14 Feb 1942 VERNON A. ZEITLER Tyrone, PA

1.2 RALPH ARTHUR POORBAUGH

- b. 25 Mar 1922 Fairhope Township, Somerset County, PA
- m. 9 Feb 1945 Roxbury, PA PAULINE MUSSER
- d. 19 Oct 1976 Somerset County, PA

1.21 CRAIG ALAN POORBAUGH

- b. 2 Feb 1950 MD
- m. 3 July 1976 RENEE A. REED, div. 1989

1.211 ADAM STEWART POORBAUGH

- b. 2 Oct 1981, Pittsburgh, PA

1.22 JAMES GREGORY POORBAUGH

- b. 26 Aug 1958 Somerset County, PA
- m. Somerset County, PA, SUE CARMANY

1.3 KARL WILLIAM POORBAUGH

- b. 21 July 1929 Stonycreek Township Somerset County, PA
- m. 29 Jan 1955 San Antonio, TX MARY ANN MCHANEY

1.31 SUSAN MARLENE POORBAUGH

- b. 19 Jan 1956 San Antonio, TX
- m. 29 June 1985 Brooklyn, NY PETER JAMES BERNARD

1.311 CLARE SULLIVAN BERNARD

- b. 24 May 1987 Sharon, CT

1.312 ANDREW KEMPER BERNARD
b. 1989 London, England

1.32 CYNTHIA ANNE POORBAUGH
b. 15 Mar 1958 Somerset, PA

1.33 JUDITH LEIGH POORBAUGH
b. 21 June 1961 Somerset, PA

1.4 MARLENE ALICE POORBAUGH
b. 4 Aug 1931 Johnstown, PA
m. 11 June 1954 Somerset, PA EDWARD TEICHERT, JR.

1.41 KAREN LEE TEICHERT
b. 5 Sept 1956 Pittsburgh, PA
m. 10 Sept 1983 Morristown, NJ JORGE LUIZ ESCALONA

1.411 ELENA MARLENE ESCALONA
b. 4 Oct 1985 Morristown, NJ

1.412 JORGE LEONARDO ESCALONA-TEICHERT
b. 5 mar 1987 Madrid, Spain

1.412 KRISTINA MARIE ESCALONA
b. 15 Sept 1988 Madrid, Spain

1.42 KURT EDWARD TEICHERT
b. 5 Oct 1958 Pittsburgh, PA
m. 24 Sept 1983 Baltimore, MD KAREN BOITNOTT

1.421 DEREK EDWARD TEICHERT
b. 5 Nov 1984 Corvallis, OR

1.422 HILLARY TEICHERT
b. 17 May 1987 Baltimore, MD

1.423 KEVIN CHRISTOPHER TEICHERT
b. 16 July 1989 Boston, MA

1.43 TRACY LYNN TEICHERT
b. 7 Mar 1962 Rockaway, NJ

3.0*1 EDNA LEORA WITT
b. 23 Dec 1898 Wellersburg, PA
d. 22 Sept 1935 Johnstown, PA

3.0*2 AMELIA BERTHA WEBER
b. 15 July 1895
m. 6 June 1939
d. 1943 Stonycreek Township Somerset County, PA

3.0*3 NETTIE (BRANT) GLESSNER
b. 17 Mar 1900
m. 6 Aug 1946 Somerset, PA
d. 5 Oct 1976 Somerset County, PA

The grandchildren of RALPH ANDREW POORBAUGH and EDNA LEORA WITT in order of birth: ARTHUR ZEITLER-1946, ERIC ZEITLER-1948, CRAIG POORBAUGH-1950, SUSAN POORBAUGH-1956, KAREN TEICHERT-1956, KURT ZEITLER-1956, CYNTHIA POORBAUGH-1958, JAMES POORBAUGH-1958, KURT TEICHERT-1958, JUDITH POORBAUGH-1961, KARLENE ZEITLER-1961, TRACY TEICHERT-1962.

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FAMILY GROUPS

RALPH ANDREW POORBAUGH and EDNA LEORA WITT	2.0
THELMA LEONA POORBAUGH and VERNON A. ZEITLER	1.0
HARVEY McCLELLAN POORBAUGH and ANNIE M. SCHELLER	4.0

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CHAPTER 4

HARVEY MCCLELLAN POORBAUGH AND ANNIE MARGRETTA SCHELLER

I was fortunate to have known all four of my grandparents long enough to have lasting happy memories of each one. My father's parents lived nearer to us so we were able to spend more time with them. HARVEY MCCLELLAN POORBAUGH and ANNIE MARGRETTA SCHELLER were married 9 Dec 1886. They lived all of their forty years of marriage on the farm they established in Northampton Township, Somerset County PA. Berlin was the nearest large town. The land was purchased from HARVEY'S parents, JACOB and HARRIET (WAUGERMAN) POORBAUGH. The one hundred and twenty two acres farm was bought for \$450.00. They developed the land, built a large comfortable Victorian style home, a large red barn, outhouse and other buildings to conduct the necessary farming for their nine children. They planted fruit trees, especially apple, which grew to be one of the largest orchards in that part of the country. A large shed stored the surplus fruit through the winter. Among the large variety of apples, the Jonathan and Macintosh were my favorites. They also had a long grape arbor which produced the best concord grapes I have ever eaten.

Most of the timber had been cut earlier for the farm buildings by the sawmill nearby, but large trees were left near the house, and I especially remember the large catalpa tree which made such nice shade, and it was fun to play with the big leaves in the fall. There were two large springs in the yard, one of which flowed into the trough in the "spring-house" where the dairy products were kept cool all the year round. The building also contained several large rooms where the family lived in the summer. Nearby was a large plot of ground where all the vegetables were grown to feed the family. The privy with the moon and star doors was useful until indoor plumbing was installed in later years. Twice a year, beef and pork were butchered, and the smoke house always contained preserved ham and bacon.

The most vivid memory I have of my grandmother Poorbaugh concerns the time she stood me on the dining room table while she put the hem into the new dress she was making for me. It was a soft blue with a bonnet to match, both trimmed with dainty rose buds. I thought it was the prettiest thing I had ever seen! I was around five years old and was still sucking my thumb. She warned me that if she ever heard that I was still sucking my thumb, she would take everything back, so I never did it again. I still have the dress.

The farm had several teams of enormous work horses which I will always remember. At the end of the work day the harnesses would be taken off, and they would all make a dash for the watering trough, which was just outside the fence of the yard where we grandchildren would be playing. I have never overcome my fear of horses, and have not desired to be near one, although both my parents had riding horses before they were married.

There are many pleasant memories of getting acquainted with the cousins, and we still try to keep in touch, although we have gone in many directions. This is one of the great things cousins of this day miss, since they go to far places and do not know each other. We try to have family reunions, but there are always many who cannot attend.

My grandfather was a talented musician, having served in the choir at the Mt. Lebanon German Reformed Church, and learned to play the organ from his father. The family gathered around the piano in the parlor after dinner, which was served at noon in those days, and everyone sang. The five daughters took turns playing. I think the four boys were kept too busy on the farm to learn. Grandfather also loved to travel, and in recent years I found his picture taken in Hot Springs AR with his cousin William Hall, whom he later visited in Syracuse, N.Y. I have been told that he liked to take his buggy with his ponies to the nearest town on Saturday night. His friends would put him into the buggy, and the ponies would get him home without use of the reins, except for one night when the team straddled a tree! I was eight years old when Grandfather died in his bed at the farm from a gangrenous hernia. The family had all gathered and I remember the antiseptic odor and how sad everyone was.

My Grandmother had been raised on a farm. Her parents, JOHN W. and MARY MILLER) SCHELLER, were members of the German Lutheran Church, but she joined the church at Mt. Lebanon soon after they were married in her parent's home. It was not long until she became involved in the church activities and was a charter member of the "Woman's Classical Foreign Missionary Society". This was one of the first such societies in the country. It was to her credit that all five of their daughters became excellent cooks and housekeepers. She was a gracious lady all of her life.

Their first child was BERTHA GERTRUDE, who outlived all the family except her sister MARY, and lived past her 96th birthday! She remained a regal lady even in later years when her health began to fail. It was only a few years before her death that I visited in the home of her daughter HAZEL and RAY DURRETT which they shared with her, and she was alert and charming as usual. I remember visiting her home in Cumberland, MD where her husband, HENRY B. SMITH was in the dry-cleaning business. HAZEL and their son MERLE would help to entertain. It was always a great treat to visit their home. Since HAZEL and MERLE were the oldest cousins, we younger ones looked up to them with admiration. My parents wanted me to become a teacher, and since HAZEL became a teacher after graduating from Frostburg Normal School, she became a roll model for me. I remember the time we were all visiting our grandparents, and she showed the ring RAY DURRETT had given her when they became engaged. Cousin ANNA LOUISE and I discussed the possibility of ever getting one like that.

One time when they were visiting us on the Stonycreek farm, my father let MERLE drive the pickup to give me driving lessons. I have only seen him once since then. He studied to be an Aeronautical

Engineer. While he was in school, his mother BERTHA SMITH lived nearby, and made a home for him. He later married and had a family.

HAZEL and RAY DURRETT's son ROBERT RAY was named for his father's twin brother. He became a Medical Doctor after training he received in the service and Duke University. He married SUE ANN LEYRER, daughter of EARL C. and MARY ELIZABETH DILGLEYRER. They moved to Houston, TX, where ROBERT joined the Diagnostic Clinic as a Specialist in Internal Medicine. They have three children and live in Spring, TX. In 1989 HAZEL and RAY DURRETT moved to a new home in the area to be near their son and family.

When BERTHA was eighteen months old, the first son, RALPH ANDREW was born to HARVEY and ANNIE POORBAUGH. Having a great deal of responsibility as a youth, first on the farm, and later helping his mother, he became a very loving and caring person and the Patriarch of the family. (See Chapter 3)

JOHN NEVIN, born twenty-two months later, was a very friendly and affectionate person. He worked on the farm, and after marrying FLORENCE MARGARET DEIST, daughter of CHARLES and MINNIE LOUISE KROUSHOUR bought a farm on the hill above Corriganville. JOHN was also a coal miner. They became the parents of three children, ANNA LOUISE and twins, PAUL and PAULINE. ANNA LOUISE and I have been good friends and have kept in touch. I attended her wedding in Corriganville to CHARLES ALFRED STUMP, and we visited them at their home in Roaring Spring, PA. While CHARLES was doing his service duties, ANNA LOUISE managed the grocery store which they operated with the help of their son JOHN, who is also a minister at the local church. Their other child, CHARLOTTE LOUISE is married to FRED CLAY PRICE and they are teachers in local schools. They have five daughters all their names begin with a K: KAREN, KRISTINE, KIMBERLY, KAROL and KAY. KRISTINE is married to MICHAEL SULLIVAN, and KAY is married to ROBERT DAVID SHRIVER II. They have a son ZACKARY DAVID SHRIVER, who was born on his Grandmother STUMP's birthday.

PAUL ALBERT POORBAUGH, twin son of JOHN and FLORENCE, was also raised in Corriganville, MD, and married GENEVIEVE LUCILLE PEASLEE, daughter of WILLIAM EARL and VIMA A. PEASLEE. They have divided the homestead into a development area. We have had the opportunity to visit with them several times at the family reunion and while PAUL was visiting his twin sister, PAULINE in Orlando, FL. She and her husband LARRY have an office supply business, and were part of a large flea market when we paid a surprise visit. We were visiting a cousin on my mothers side of the family, CALVIN DELBROOK, who had also lived in Corriganville, MD. It was a pleasure to visit three cousins whom I hadn't seen in years. PAULINE AND LARRY do not have a family, but PAUL and GENEVIEVE have two children, PAULA and WILLIAM, and three grandchildren. PAULA LYNN is married to DAVID GEORGE LUCAS, son of BROOKE S. and NANCY LUCAS and have children TRACY LYNN and JENNIFER LEIGH LUCAS. PAUL is married to KAREN MARIE ROBERTSON, daughter of

MELVIN and HELEN CONWAY ROBERTSON. They have a son WILLIAM ALAN POORBAUGH.

Two years after JOHN was born to HARVEY and ANNIE POORBAUGH, a daughter, NETTIE GRACE arrived. She was an exceptionally sweet and loving person. She also was talented in music, and attended church and Sunday school all her life, teaching and singing or playing for the church choir. She married WILLIAM CHARLES DEIST, a brother of JOHN's wife, FLORENCE. They lived in Salisbury, PA for some years, but later bought the Homestead farm in Northampton Township. It was a treat to visit them at the old farm which was now a modernized dairy farm, but the grape vines were still producing! They raised four children and have seven grandchildren.

FREEMAN POORBAUGH DEIST, the oldest son, is less than a year older than I, and although we kept in touch, we hadn't seen each other for a number of years. It was interesting to see his snow white hair, after I had remembered him as a red-head. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, and has been a druggist in Bedford and Hyndman, PA, and Frostburg, MD. He married MARIANA KOOSER, also a Registered Pharmacist, daughter of WILLIAM JOHNSTON and MARY ETHEL COOK KOOSER of Greensburg, PA. They have retired and live near Hyndman, PA. They have raised two children, MARIENNE LOGUE and FREEMAN POORBAUGH DEIST, Jr, and have six grandchildren.

DONALD WILLIAM DEIST, the second son, married EDNA MAE MILLER, the daughter of IRVIN J, and STELLA MURRAY MILLER. They have lived in a modern brick home on the homestead farm since 1947. DONALD had served in the 82nd Airborne Division, 325th. Glider Infantry Regiment as a Staff Sgt. in the European Theater of Operations in World War 2, and was in the Victory parade in NYC. At the end of WW 2 he returned to help his parents on the dairy farm. The fruit trees are no longer productive. DONALD has served as Township Supervisor for many years, has been active in the Rural Electrification Association, and is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. They belong to the New Hope United Church of Christ in Glencoe, PA.

They have three children, DALE WILLIAM, ARTHUR IRVIN and AUDREY DEIST SECHLER, and eight grandchildren. DALE has the degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh, and is married to BARBARA ANN HANFT, daughter of OSCAR and DOROTHY WRIGHT HANFT. Their children are KRISTEN, CARRILYN and DAVID. DONALD and EDNA's second son ARTHUR is also a graduate of Univ. of Pittsburgh with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, and is married to SUSAN MARIE KENNEDY, daughter of PAUL F. and EDITH BERNICE SCHROCK of Greenville, NC. They have two children, BRIANNA and SUMMER. DONALD and EDNA's daughter AUDREY MAE has a degree in Business Economics and is employed in Meyersdale. She married RICK L. SECHLER, son of BLAINE L. and ANNA F. GRIFFITH SECHLER of Meyersdale, PA. They have three children, COREY, JULIE and JAMIE.

WILLIAM and NETTIE DEIST's only daughter, MARGARET JANE is married to DONALD B. AYERS, son of GUY and BESSIE G. FISHBURN AYERS. They live in New Wilmington, PA and have raised two children, DONNA and RONALD. DONNA is married to CHRIS LEE GRAHAM. They have a son, KEVIN LEE AYERS. RONALD BLAINE AYERS is married to THERESA MARIE DAVIS.

The fifth child of HARVEY and ANNIE POORBAUGH was MARY CLEO, who was the tallest daughter. She married HERMAN ALBERT KEEFER, son of ZACHARIAS and LYDIA ACKERMAN KEEFER. They lived in Akron, OH, and were the parents of two children, MILDRED who died as a small child, and RAY ALBERT KEEFER who lives in Akron, OH. He is married to MARY ANN GINTER, daughter of GUSTAVE and MARGARET LEHR GINTER. RAY is a collector of antique guns and toy soldiers (MARY ANN is a duster of same). I have had the pleasure of visiting in their home and admired their hobby. Mary Ann and I each wore a red scarf when she met me at the airport, since we did not know each other. They are the parents of two girls: NANCY ANN and LINDA LEE, whom we had met at the POORBAUGH reunion several years ago. NANCY married ANDREW LOUIS TISLER and they are the parents of ANDREW and TIFFANY TISLER. RAY KEEFER has retired as Mechanical Engineer for the B.F. Goodrich Rubber Co. They had RAY's invalid mother in their home for many years. She and Uncle HERMAN were still in their own home when I visited.

The sixth child in the HARVEY POORBAUGH family was ROY JACOB POORBAUGH. He was a quiet, shy young man who never married, but was always devoted to his duties on the farm, where he spent his lifetime of thirty-eight years. HARVEY SCHELLER POORBAUGH was born three years later. He lived for forty-six years, and also remained single. He was very friendly and out-going and was considered the "tease" of the family. He was a popular young man with his dark curly hair and happy disposition.

ADA MARGRETTA was the eighth child in the family, born three years after HARVEY. I remember her as the one who played the piano for the family sing-alongs as I was growing up. She also had a lovely speaking voice. I used to try to imitate it. I especially remember how fond I was of her friend, ROYDEN HAY, who later became her husband, and would sit on his lap. We had the opportunity to visit him after many years had gone by, and were amused recalling the incident. ADA and ROYDEN went to Atlantic City for their honeymoon, and also spent some time at my home. We usually made ice cream for dinner guests, and Uncle Royden had the reputation for being able to eat the most. My husband became a contender for the title in later years. ADA and ROYDEN HAY lived on the farm of his parents, RUFUS MAHLON and MARTHA BERKLEY HAY for some years after they were married, but later moved to Tampa, FL, where ADA was manager of a dress shop and ROYDEN worked with heavy construction equipment. Their two daughters were born before they moved south. The oldest, MARGRETTA, was the "SHIRLEY TEMPLE" of the family with her long brown curls. She married JOHN A. MCGARY, son of TERRANCE and ALMA HOLLAND HUSTON MCGARY, who died in Gainesville, FL after 34 years of marriage. They have a son, JOHN

LARRY McGARY, who married CAROL V. EZZELL, daughter of CHARLES and VIRGINIA COBB EZZELL. Their children are BRENT and WENDY McGARY. They were divorced and his present wife is CAROL ANN SMITH.

The second daughter of ADA and ROYDEN HAY is JANET LOU, who is married to EDGAR KENNETH LEGERTON, son of GEORGE EDWARD and MABLE DELPHENE (WEEKLEY) LEGERTON. They live in San Diego, CA, and have two children, GARY EDWARD LEGERTON, who is married to LINDA GAIL HERRING, and JEFFREY ALLEN who is married to JULIE MAE BOBER.

The ninth and last child of HARVEY and ANNIE POORBAUGH was MILDRED ALVERTA POORBAUGH. She married late and did not have children of her own, but was the baby sitter for the nieces and nephews. She always had something to give each child, and was always interested in their welfare. She stayed in the family homestead, taking care of her mother, and was housekeeper for her brother Harvey on the farm until his death. After the farm was sold to NETTIE and WILLIAM DEIST, she bought a home in Somerset, PA. She was married in 1960 to FRANK J. NAUGHTON and lived in Cumberland, MD.

4.0 HARVEY McCLELLAN POORBAUGH

- b. 24 Nov 1863 Northampton Township Somerset County, PA
- d. 28 Jun 1926 Northampton Township Somerset County, PA
- m. 9 Dec 1885 ANNIE MARGARETTA SCHELLER, Fairhope Twp.
Somerset County, PA

2.1 BERTHA GERTRUDE POORBAUGH

- b. 2 Aug 1887 Northampton Township Somerset County, PA
- d. 15 Oct 1983 Charlest
- m. 24 Nov 1909 HENRY BURTON SMITH

2.11 HAZEL SMITH

- b. 15 May 1910 Cumberland, MD
- m. 26 Dec 1932 RAY M. DURRETT, Cumberland, MD

2.111 RAY ROBERT DURRETT

- b. 27 Dec 1938 Charleston, WV
- m. 5 Mar 1966 SUE ANN LEYRER, Durham, NC

2.1111 MICHELLE S. DURRETT

- b. 28 Apr 1969 San Antonio, TX

2.1112 ELIZABETH A. DURRETT

- b. 26 Mar 1970 Houston, TX

2.1113 STEPHEN R. DURRETT

- b. 7 Apr 1972 Houston, TX

2.112 MERLE SMITH

- b. Jan 1912 Cumberland MD

2.0 RALPH ANDREW POORBAUGH (See Chapter 3)

- b. 6 Feb 1889 Northampton Township Somerset County, PA
- d. 30 Apr 1966 Brunswick, GA
- m.(1) 3 Jan 1917 Corriganville, MD EDNA LEORA WITT
- m.(2) 6 Jun 1939 Minneapolis, MN AMY BERTHA WEBER
- m.(3) 6 Aug 1946 Somerset, PA NETTIE (BRANDT) GLESSNER

2.3 JOHN NEVIN POORBAUGH

- b. 30 Nov 1890 Northampton Township, Somerset County, PA
- d. 15 Jan 1964 Corriganville, MD
- m. 20 Jan 1916 FLORENCE MARGARET DEIST, Somerset Co. PA

2.31 ANNA LOUISE POORBAUGH

- b. 19 Aug 1916 Corriganville, MD
- m. 13 Jun 1937 CHARLES ALFRED STUMP Corriganville

2.311 CHARLOTTE LOUISE STUMP

- b. 21 Nov 1927 Corriganville, MD
- m. 30 Jan 1960 FRED CLAY PRICE Roaring Spring

2.3111 KAREN LOUISE PRICE

- b. 5 Feb 1961 Cincinnati, OH

2.3112 KRISTINE ADELE PRICE

- b. 6 Mar 1962 Hackensack, NJ
- m. 25 Jan 1988 MICHAEL SULLIVAN

2.3113 KIMBERLY ANN PRICE

- b. 18 May 1963 Hackensack, NJ

2.3114 KAROL AMI PRICE

- b. 5 Oct 1965 Roaring Spring, PA

2.3115 KAY LYNN PRICE

- b. 20 Aug 1968 Roaring Spring, PA
- m. 14 Feb 1988 ROBERT DAVID SHRIVER II

2.31151 ZACKARY DAVID SHRIVER

- b. 19 Aug 1988

2.32 PAUL ALBERT POORBAUGH

- b. 7 Mar 1920 Corriganville, MD
- m. 25 Jul 1941 GENEVIEVE LUCILLE PEASLEE, MD

2.321 PAULA ANN POORBAUGH

- b. 31 Oct 1942 Cumberland, MD
- m. 31 Jul 1965 DAVID GEORGE LUCAS

2.3211 TRACY LYNN LUCAS

- b. 3 May 1967 Portsmouth, VA

2.3212 JENNIFER LEIGH LUCAS

b. 9 May 1968 Portsmouth, VA

2.322 WILLIAM PAUL POORBAUGH

b. 2 Dec 1948 Cumberland, MD

m. 4 Sep 1971 KAREN MARIE ROBERTSON Mt.Savage

2.3221 WILLIAM ALAN POORBAUGH

b. 27 May 1972 Cumberland, MD

2.33 PAULINE ALVERTA POORBAUGH

b. 7 Mar 1920 Corriganville, MD

m.(1) 1942 CHARLES RICHARD TWIGG

m.(2) 19 Sep 1950 LAURIER ADRIEN LaFONTAINE N.O., LA

2.4 NETTIE GRACE POORBAUGH

b. 10 Dec 1892 Northampton Township Somerset County, PA

d. 5 May 1979 Northampton Township Somerset County, PA

m. 6 Jun 1917 WILLIAM CHARLES DEIST Northampton Twp.

2.41 FREEMAN POORBAUGH DEIST, SR.

b. 3 Aug 1918 Northampton Township Somerset Co., PA

m. 28 Apr 1944 MARIANA KOOSER Ligonier, PA

2.411 MARIANNE KOOSER DEIST

b. 2 May 1948 Greensburg, PA

m. 6 Jun 1969 DONLEY CHARLES LOGUE, JR.

2.4111 ADRIAN LOGUE

b. 30 Nov 1970

2.4112 JASON LOGUE

b. 4 Jan 1973

2.412 FREEMAN POORBAUGH DEIST, JR.

b. 18 Nov 1951 Somerset County, PA

m. 19 Mar 1971 LINDA SCHROYER Cumberland, MD

2.4121 MARY CHRISTINA DEIST

b. 6 Dec 1972

2.4122 ANGELA LYNN DEIST

b. 5 Jan 1978

2.4123 PHILLIP MICHAEL DEIST

b. 19 Aug 1985

2.4124 LUCAS MATHEW DEIST

b. 25 Jul 1988

2.42 DONALD WILLIAM DEIST

b. 9 Mar 1923 Elk Lick Township Somerset Co., PA

m. 19 May 1946 EDNA MAE MILLER Pocohontas, PA

b. 25 Oct 1923 Greenville Township Somerset Co

2.421 DALE WILLIAM DEIST
 b. 19 Jan 1948 Meyersdale, PA
 m. 2 Aug 1969 BARBARA ANN HANFT Ravenna OH
 b. 18 Jan 1949 Williamsport, PA

2.4211 KRISTEYN MARIE DEIST
 b. 18 Feb 1977 Wichita Falls, TX

2.4212 CARRILYN MAEGAN DEIST
 b. 25 Jul 1979 Fresno, CA

2.4213 DAVID WESLEY DEIST
 b. 15 Jun 1983 Fresno, CA

2.422 ARTHUR IRVIN DEIST
 b. 9 Mar 1952 Meyersdale, PA
 m. 30 Jun 1973 SUSAN MARIE KENNEDY Johnstown, PA
 b. 22 Oct 1953

2.4221 BRIANNA SUE DEIST
 b. 4 Jan 1980 Roanoke, VA

2.4222 SUMMER MARIE DEIST
 b. 31 Jul 1984 Roanoke, VA

2.423 AUDREY MAE DEIST
 b. 29 May 1956 Meyersdale, PA
 m. 15 May 1976 RICK SECHLER Berlin, PA
 b. 9 Sep 1955 Meyersdale, PA

2.4231 COREY L. SECHLER
 b. 12 Jul 1977 Meyersdale, PA

2.4232 JULIE M. SECHLER
 b. 8 Jul 1980 Meyersdale, PA

2.4233 JAMIE L. SECHLER
 b. 12 Nov 1982 Meyersdale, PA

2.43 MARGARET JANE DEIST
 b. 1 Jun 1929 Somerset, PA
 m. 29 Jun 1955 DONALD B. AYERS Glencoe, PA
 b. 7 Dec 1928 Somerset, PA

2.431 DONNA G. AYERS
 b. 6 Oct 1956 Somerset, PA
 m. 30 Aug 1980 CHRIS LEE GRAHAM,

2.4311 KEVIN LEE AYERS
 b. 26 Jul 1988

- 2.432 RONALD B. AYERS
 - b. 8 Sep 1960 Somerset, PA
 - m. 18 May 1985 THERESA MARIE DAVIS,
- 2.5 MARY CLEO POORBAUGH
 - b. 3 Dec 1895 Northampton Township Somerset Co. PA
 - d. 23 Aug 1986 Akron, OH
 - m. 31 May 1916 HERMAN ALBERT KEEFER, Meyersdale, PA
 - b. 15 Apr 1892 Sand Patch, Somerset County, PA
- 2.51 MILDRED ELIZABETH KEEFER
 - b. 24 Oct 1918 Akron, OH
 - d. 29 Jan 1920 Akron, OH
- 2.52 RAY ALBERT KEEFER
 - b. 29 Jun 1921 Akron, OH
 - m. 21 Aug 1948 MARY ANN GINTER, Akron, OH
 - b. 9 Sep 1920 Akron, OH
- 2.521 NANCY ANN KEEFER
 - b. 20 Jul 1951 Akron, OH
 - m. 29 Jul 1972 ANDREW LOUIS TISLER, JR. Akron, OH
 - b. 10 Feb 1947 Roswell, NM
- 2.5211 ANDREW LOUIS TISLER, III
 - b. 9 Oct 1983 Lawton, OK
- 2.5212 TIFFANY NICOLE TISLER
 - b. 15 May 1986 Barberton, OH
- 2.522 LINDA LEE KEEFER
 - b. 16 Jul 1956 Akron, OH
- 2.6 ROY JACOB POORBAUGH
 - b. 9 Feb 1897 Northampton Township Somerset, County, PA
 - d. 7 Dec 1935 Northampton Township Never Married
- 2.7 HARVEY SCHELLER POORBAUGH
 - b. 27 Aug 1900 Northampton Township Somerset County, PA
 - d. 6 Feb 1946 Northampton Township Never married.
- 2.8 ADA MARGRETTA POORBAUGH
 - b. 15 May 1902 Northampton Township Somerset County, PA
 - d. 21 May 1981 Tampa, FL
 - m. 8 Sep 1926 ROYDEN BERKLEY HAY Northampton Township Somerset County, PA
 - b. 9 Jul 1900
- 2.81 MARGRETTA JEAN HAY
 - b. 22 Feb 1930 Meyersdale, PA
 - m. 5 Sep 1946 JOHN A. McGARY Northampton Township Somerset County, PA

b. 17 Dec 1926
d. 12 Nov 1981 Gainsville, FL

2.811 JOHN LARRY McGARY

b. 27 Mar 1948 Johnstown, PA
m.(1) 12 Jan 1968 CAROL EZZELL
 b. 5 Oct 1946 Tampa, FL. Div.
m.(2) 26 Jul 1979 CAROLE ANN SMITH St. Petersburg, FL

2.8111 BRENT LARRY McGARY

b. 23 Aug 1968 Tampa, FL

2.8112 WENDY NADINE McGARY

b. 25 Nov 1973 St. Petersburg, FL

2.82 JANET LOU HAY

b. 28 May 1937 Meyersdale, PA
m. 9 Nov 1958 EDWARD KENNETH LEGERTON, Tampa, FL
 b. 9 Jan 1936 Cleveland, OH

2.821 GARY EDWARD LEGERTON

b. 7 Sep 1959 Seattle, WA
m. LINDA GALE HERRING

2.822 JEFFREY ALLEN LEGERTON

b. 27 Mar 1961 Moses Lake, WA
m. JULIE MARIE BOBER

2.823 CHERYL LYNNE LEGERTON

b. 20 Apr 1964 Tacoma, WA

2.9 MILDRED ALVERTA POORBAUGH

b. 8 Feb 1906 Northampton Township Somerset County, PA
d. 28 Aug 1973 Cumberland, MD
m. 30 Jun 1960 FRANK J. NAUGHTON, Northampton Township
 b. 16 Feb 1901 Cumberland, MD d. p. 1973.

5.0 ANNIE MARGRETTA SCHELLER

b. 8 May 1866 Glen Savage, Fairhope Township Somerset Co. PA
d. 29 Jun 1939 bur. Mt. Lebanon Cem. Somerset Co. PA

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Chapter 5

GEORGE WASHINGTON WITT AND ALICE LOUISA MOSER

GEORGE WASHINGTON WITT was born 9 June 1860 at the homestead of his parents, JOHN G. and REBECCA SHAFFER WITT, and always lived in the area of Allegany County MD and Somerset County PA near the Mason Dixon Line. The farm where he was raised had been in the family for some years and the house is still being used.

GEORGE married a local girl, ALICE LOUISA MOSER, when he was twenty one and she was sixteen. She was the daughter of HENRY and ANN HOYMAN MOSER, both born in HANOVER, GERMANY, and had come to America with their parents. They bought 30 acres for \$1,400 on 28 Aug 1882, on the side of the hill above their parent's homes, and established a homestead which has been the family ever since. It is now the home of their youngest son WALTER and his wife LENA. Part of the farm is located in Allegany County MD, and part in Somerset County PA. I remember my grandfather remarking about paying taxes to two states.

GEORGE was a handsome youth and grew up to be a large, robust man who in later life became stooped with rheumatism, which was probably arthritis as we know it today. He usually smoked a pipe or a large cigar. In his thinking he was a practical person who considered the elements of culture, music and drama as a waste of time. He was insistent that his sons be good workers, and that the daughters should all be good cooks and housekeepers.

In addition to the regular farm activities, dairy cows for milk and cream, chickens for laying eggs and eating, pigs for butchering, and sheep for wool and mutton, they raised beef to sell on the hoof. This became the main business in later years. In the meantime, butchering of the farm animals developed into members of the family operating butcher shops in Wellersburg, PA and Akron OH. A grandson is a professional butcher for a food store chain, while his father, the youngest son, is still living on the homestead farm buying and selling farm animals.

The farmhouse in which they raised the eight children, five boys and three girls, consisted of seven rooms, a large kitchen-dining room, sitting room, parlor and four bedrooms. A bathroom, pantry and porch were added to the back. In later years a laundry-bath was added on the first floor and a stair was opened into the basement. It is modernized, and the old parlor with the antique organs and the horse-hair furniture is now the television room, with comfortable sofas and chairs.

The original house was built on a spring which supplied cold water to cool the milk and cream after they were separated. The separator was an intricate machine, located in a special building back of the house. I remember helping my grandmother with this involved process and carrying the products around the house and into the

outside cellar door. It is not surprising that the mothers and daughters all kept their small waist lines with all the trips to and from the basement. Later the ice box and subsequent refrigerator were very welcome.

As long as my mother remembered, my grandmother had a hearing problem, but that did not restrict the dainty, gracious lady from tending to all the necessary duties raising a large family, and being a cheerful hostess to any who came by. She taught all five of her daughters to be excellent cooks, housekeepers, mothers and even how to do the farm chores such as milking the cows, tending the chickens and most of all enjoying life. I am appreciative of her beautiful handwriting and her command of the English language, in spite of the fact that her parents came from Germany as teenagers.

I especially remember my grandfather sitting in his big swivel chair in his office, which was a separate building back of the house. He would be smoking all the time, and part of the conversation would nearly always be concerning the fact that he wanted to get off the farm years ago, but grandma refused to leave. One thing I learned from the visits was that I would never learn to smoke!

I am glad that I was able to visit through the years and especially that Vernon and I spent one night of our honeymoon on the farm. It was a cold night, 15 Feb 1942, and grandma gave me a warm outing gown to wear, since the guest room was not well heated. The next morning she cooked a beefsteak and potatoes breakfast. That was the last visit with Grandpa. He died the next year. Grandma lived until our second son was "on the way" in 1948.

Although their first child was stillborn, they raised eight children. Their first son, HARRY EDGAR was born in 1886 at the farm home where he lived until he married and went to live in Frostburg MD, where he owned a garage to sell and repair cars. His first wife, NAOMI EVERLINE died young, and he married BESS LAW. The children were MARSHALL, who was born 17 Oct. 1911, GLADYS and RAY. I remember Uncle Harry, who had a really hearty laugh and was very friendly. MARSHALL was raised by my grandparents after his mother died. He married NELLIE EVERLINE and they had two children, ELSIE and RICHARD. I did not see cousin MARSHALL until recently, when we visited his home in Wellersburg, PA, and became acquainted with his daughter ELSIE, who is a teacher.

My grandparent's daughter, BERTHA GERTRUDE, the third child, was born at the family homestead, as were all the children. Aunt "GERTIE" was a small sweet lady who was devoted to her family, and after they were both widows, took care of her mother in her own home most of the rest of her life. She married FRANK WILLIAM DELBROOK, son of HENRY DELBROOK and they lived in Corriganville, where FRANK worked for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Their family consisted of four girls and two boys.

The first daughter, LENA ELIZABETH married RUMSEY MARKWOOD and they were the parents of SHIRLEY MARIE. They are divorced and LENA worked at the Celanese Plant in Cumberland, MD. In recent years I have had the pleasure of visiting LENA at her home in Cumberland, MD, and know she is proud of her daughter's family. SHIRLEY MARIE married ROBERT FRANKLIN CONWAY and they have three children, MICHAEL FRANK, married to SUZANNE BURNS, whose children are SCOTT MICHAEL AND KRISTI, and HELENE MICHELLE, divorced from AARON TRAGOS, who have ALEXIS LEIGH TRAGOS. The third child of SHIRLEY and ROBERT CONWAY is JOHN ROBERT.

"GERTIE" and FRANK DELBROOK's second daughter, ERMA LILLIAN lived only seven years, and the third daughter, GRACE, only two years. She died the same year BERTHA MARIE was born. She married EARL SAMUEL STAHL, an expert carpenter, who built the home she is still occupying in Berlin, PA. They were married for 38 years. It is largely through cousin Bertha that I have kept in touch with this side of my family in recent years and have had the pleasure of meeting their daughter SANDRA LEE and her family. She is a teacher in the Berlin area and is married to LARRY WAYNE SHOBER, who is an executive with the Rural Electric Co. They have two sons: BRADEN ERIC who was married in 1989, and BRYAN WAYNE who is a very congenial young man who took the time to meet us in the Somerset Library. The family lives on the SHOBER homestead farm which was known for its sheep.

CALVIN FRANK DELBROOK, the first son is seven months younger than I, and we have "twin" baby pictures with grandmother Witt. He married MARGARET SHRADER, and they live in Orlando, FL, where we visited them several years ago and met their family. Their daughter, PATRICIA ANN is an R.N. Supervisor at UMA. and is married to RONALD LEE LOVE, who has a commercial wall-covering business. They have two children: WENDY who is a student at Auburn Univ. in AL. and RONALD LEE in Winter Park High School.

The second son, GEORGE CLINTON DELBROOK is married to STELLA MARIE MURRAY. They have two children: CAROL JEAN and GARY LEE. CAROL JEAN is married to ROBERT MITCHELL OFFUTT, who have three children: AMY, JENNIFER and JOSHUA. GARY LEE is single and is a brick mason in Woodsboro.

WILBUR EARL WITT, the second son in the GEORGE WITT family was a Veteran of World War 1 and served in Europe. He married ELLA TROUTWINE (TROUTMAN) and they lived in a cottage on the homestead farm, near Wellersburg. They had five children, four girls and one boy: MARIE NEHRING who lives in Cleveland, OH, WILHEMINA NEUBISER, and BETTY RINGLER, who live in Wellersburg, PA, and HAZEL MUNDAY, who lives in Cleveland, OH. She and JACK MUNDAY, son of WILL and DIXIE MUNDAY, were married in 1950 and JACK died twenty three years later. They were the parents of twins, RONALD and DONALD and another son, RANDY. They have five grandchildren: COURTNEY, twins JESSICA and JOANNA, IAN and SCOTT MICHAEL. The only son of EARL and ELLA is DONALD (JIMMIE) WITT. My sister, MARLENE and I recall visits with Uncle EARL's family.

GUY EDWIN WITT, the third son, was born two years after EARL and married NELLIE PEARLINE CALLIS, daughter of THOMAS and FANNIE ELIZA WINTERS CALLIS. They lived in AKRON, OH, where GUY was owner and manager of a butcher shop for many years. He was the victim of several robberies and although he had been badly beaten several times he refused to give up until his death at 91.

As I was growing up our family made several trips to visit GUY's family since we also had other relatives in Akron, my father's sister MARY KEEFER and family. NELLIE and GUY WITT had two children, ANNA-BELLE and CARL. ANNABEL married WILLIAM BOYLE and they also lived in Akron. ANNABELLE died at the age of fifty eight, her husband three years earlier. We had not seen each other in years, but the BOYLES were planning to visit us in INDIANA, PA, when our two sons developed the chicken pox. We had lost contact with CARL WITT when we found him through acquaintances of his with whom we were visiting in Uniontown, OH. He lives part time in Arizona, and sent us his family facts. He was married and divorced from EILEEN, and they had three children: ERIC EDWIN who is married to CATHY SWARTOUT, KYLE DEAN married IMBERLY McMILLEN, and TRACY ELIZABETH is married to JAMES BLAKELY.

GRACE ALVERTA was the second daughter born to Alice and G.W. WITT. She was married to CLIFFORD BRUCE WELLER, son of ALFRED BARNEY WELLER, for sixty seven years when he died at the age of ninety two. He was employed by the Pure Oil Company. They lived in eastern PA, then in Mt. Pleasant, MI where their homestead included a large garden of vegetables and flowers, supplying neighbors, children and any guests who came by. Aunt GRACE kept this endeavor after Uncle BRUCE died, with the help of her daughter BEULAH and son-in-law, OLIVER. Although her health was beginning to fail when we were there several years ago, she "loaded" our trailer with abundant food, and gave us a full set of sheets to match some we had. I always think of her generosity when I make up the bed. On one of our visits she told us of an interesting event which happened when she and my mother, EDNA, were very young. They would pick up their Grandmother Witt's mail at the post-office and take it to her. It seemed she was especially partial to their younger brother, Robert, and would give the girls something to take to him. One day it was a hot cherry pie and smelled so good they decided to taste the juice. By the time they reached their home all that was left was a flat crust with a few cherries! She also told us that she had finished grammar school. EDNA didn't, and become incensed when the teacher told her to put the answer to an arithmetic problem which she was sure was wrong on the blackboard. She picked up her things, went home and never went back!

In addition to her gardening, AUNT GRACE was very sociable and belonged to several clubs, including the Eastern Star. She and BRUCE WELLER were the parents of three girls: GARNETTE, BEULAH and DOROTHY, and have a grand-daughter PHYLLIS. GARNETTE, who was three years older than I, was a special person to me. She never married, and had a career as a Federal employee as a secretary in the Dept. of Agriculture in Washington, DC. She graciously invited me to be a guest at her

apartment, even with two of our children. She had always wanted to belong to the Daughters of the American Revolution, and was my guest to several of the functions during Continental Congress. She had been gathering family records, but only since her untimely death several years ago was I able to find a Revolutionary Veteran on my mother's side, PETER KENNEL, to make us both eligible.

BEULAH, the second daughter is less than a year younger than I, and with whom I have a great deal in common. We both received college degrees to teach Home Economics in the same year, and were both married at nearly the same time. She married OLIVER HELMAN, son of ISAAC ERIK and IDA ULRIKA HELMAN in JAN. 1942 and we were married the next month. OLIVER was a vocational shop teacher, and both are retired except for frequent trips to the garden in Mt. Pleasant. We have visited with them on trips to Aunt Grace's home, and in the home of the third daughter, DOROTHY. She is married to RICHARD REYNOLDS, who is an employee of the Dow Chemical, as was my husband, except he was in the Midland, MI division where they live. DOROTHY has retired from teaching in the Midland School System. They are the parents of PHYLLIS ANNE, who has received a college degree.

My mother, EDNA LEORA was the third daughter of George and Alice WITT. Although she did not finish grammar school, she was a well educated person in many ways. She was an avid reader and had very legible handwriting. She was interested in drama and was the leading lady in community plays after attending any that were available in the area as they were raising the family. She did not learn to knit, but did lovely and delicate embroidery and crochet in addition to doing nearly all her own sewing, as well as for other members of the family. We still have some of her work, although she only lived until she was thirty six and the samples are more than fifty years old. She nearly lost her life as she was a young girl. She was bitten by a rattlesnake. A chicken was killed and put on the wound "to draw the poison." It was different from the modern treatment I received after a copperhead bite several years ago in our yard. Now they use intravenous anti-venom. EDNA WITT and RALPH A. POORBAUGH were married in the Lutheran Parsonage in Corriganville when she was nineteen and he was twenty eight. They only had eighteen years of marriage but I know they were a very happy couple, and a model and inspiration to others, as well as their four children: THELMA, ARTHUR, KARL and MARLENE.

Four years after EDNA was born, the fourth son, ROBERT was born. He married LILLY BELLE DIVELBLISS and had two children, LOUISE FOSTINA and REGINA YVONNE. They were divorced, and ROBERT married EMMA RUTH WITT, a distant cousin. They worked in the Celanese Plant in Cumberland, MD. RUTH is a very devoted mother, and took care of ROBERT during his last years until his death in 1988. We were fortunate to be able to visit them, but it was sad to see him so ill. In spite of that he was alert and knew us.

LOUISE WITT married ROBERT D. MURRAY, the son of WILLIAM H. MURRAY, and they had three children: JUDY LOUISE, SHARON ANN and JOHN

ROBERT. JUDY is married to HAROLD F. PORTER. SHARON is married to GENE GILBREATH and they have two children, JUSTIN and ROBERT. JOHN ROBERT is married to TINA NICKLAS, and they have three children: APRIL, AMY and JAMIE. ROBERT D. MURRAY was killed on the Western Maryland Railway at the age of forty six and LOUISE WITT MURRAY died from cancer eight years later.

The second daughter in the ROBERT WITT family is YVONNE who is married to ROBERT DALE PETENBRINK. They have four children: STEPHEN, ROSALIE, ROBERT and DEBORAH. ROSALIE is married to JOSEPH HEMLER. They have a daughter SHERRI who is married to TED BRIGHT.

The last child of ALICE and GEORGE WITT is WALTER HOWARD who has been known for years as "KITE". He was born on the family homestead. He married LENA GERTRUDE CONAWAY, daughter of EDWIN MARVIN and ESTELLA BRIDGES CONAWAY. They lived in the house adjoining the butcher shop he was operating, later in another house in Wellersburg, then back to the family homestead where he had grown up. With the help of their son JON, daughter BARBARA, and her husband CHUCK, the homestead has been modernized. The farm has been in the family for over one hundred years. They have been married for nearly fifty five years, and Uncle KITE, at eighty three plus, is still buying, selling and transporting farm animals and making hay. He and LENA manage to take care of the usual chores, and it's always a delight to visit them and to sit in the parlor which we could only peek into as a child. On our visit last summer we went to the old Union Church with Uncle Kite, and sat in the pew next to the stained glass window that had been provided by great-grandfather HENRY MOSER, whose grave is just outside the door. Several years ago Uncle KITE helped us try to find lost tombstones in the graveyard.

WALTER and LENA WITT's children: WALTER DeSALES WITT, who was killed in a hunting accident at the age of thirty eight. He was married to KATHLEEN BROWN and had the following children: MARIA, ERIC and HUNTER DANIEL.

BARBARA ANN, who was born two years later, is married to CHARLES (CHUCK) PATRICK GYAUCH, son of HARRY M. and HELEN L. DATKO GYUACH. They have the following children: CHARLES ERIC who is married to ALISA (LISA) MARSH. They have a son WILLIAM. BETH ELLEN, fraternal twin to CHARLES ERIC, is married to WESLEY M. DAVIS. BARBARA and CHUCK'S third child, SUZANNE (SUZY) ELYSE is married to MICHAEL DAWSON. Their fourth child is DAVID SCOTT.

Some years ago, when GARNETTE WELLER was telling us about BARBARA and CHUCK GYAUCH and family, we had not met any of them, but since then we have learned what we have been missing. They entertained us in their lovely new home in VA Easter Sunday in 1987 and again in 1990. It was a real treat to meet the whole family at the reunion last summer, in Paw-Paw, WV.

JON CHARLES is the third child of WALTER and LENA WITT. He is married to RITA JOYCE COURTNEY daughter of ROBERT and EVA GREW COURTNEY. They have two children, JANICE and KAREN. They live in Ellerslie, MD.

- 6.0 GEORGE WASHINGTON WITT
 - b. 9 Jun 1860 Allegany County, MD
 - d. 26 Apr 1943 Wellersburg, PA bur. Union Cem. Wellersburg
 - m. 4 Sep 1881 ALICE LOUISA MOSER
 - 3.1 Unnamed Infant, stillborn
 - 3.2 HARRY EDGAR WITT
 - b. 20 Oct 1886 Wellersburg, PA
 - d. Frostburg, MD
 - m1. NAOMI EVERLINE
 - m2. BESSI LAW
 - 3.21 MARSHALL WITT
 - b. 17 Oct 1911 Wellersburg, PA
 - m. NELLIE EMERICK
 - 3.211 ELSIE WITT
 - b. ?
 - m. ?
 - 3.212 RICHARD WITT
 - b. ?
 - 3.22 GLADYS WITT
 - 3.23 RAY WITT
 - 3.3 BERTHA GERTRUDE WITT
 - b. 14 Oct 1888 Wellersburg, PA
 - d. 13 Apr 1966 Corriganville, MD bur. Wellersburg, PA
 - m. 10 Aug 1908 FRANK WILLIAM DELBROOK 1882-1940
 - 3.31 LENA ELIZABETH DELBROOK
 - b. 29 Dec 1909 Mt. Savage, MD
 - m. RUMSEY MARKWOOD
 - 3.311 SHIRLEY MARKWOOD
 - b. 15 Nov 1935 Cumberland, MD
 - m. 19 Jun 1954 ROBERT CONWAY
 - 3.3111 MICHAEL FRANK CONWAY
 - b. 25 Jun 1955
 - m. 3 Nov 1973 SUZANNE BURNS b.9 Feb 1954
 - 3.31111 SCOTT MICHAEL CONWAY b.3 Sep '76

3.31112 KRISTI CONWAY b. 24 Apr 1979

3.3112 HELENE MICHELLE CONWAY
b. 2 Aug 1958
m. 23 Nov 1980 AARON TRAGOS, div.

3.31121 ALEXIS LEIGH TRAGOS b.15 May '82

3.3113 JOHN ROBERT CONWAY b. 14 Jul 1962

3.32 ERMA LILLIAN DELBROOK
b. 30 Jun 1911 d. 11 Feb 1919

3.33 GRACE DELBROOK
b. 9 Aug 1913 d. 1915

3.34 BERTHA MARIE DELBROOK
b. 27 Jun 1915 Mt. Savage, MD
m. 9 May 1940 EARLE SAMUEL STAHL b. 10 Dec 1903
Pine Hill Somerset County d. 14 May 1978 Berlin,PA

3.341 SANDRA LEE STAHL
b. 2 Feb 1941 Meyersdale, PA
m. 19 Apr 1963 Frostburg, LARRY WAYNE SHOBER
b. 22 Mar 1940

3.3411 BRADEN ERIC SHOBER
b. 23 Sep 1967 Meyersdale, PA
m. Shanksville, PA

3.3412 BRYAN WAYNE SHOBER
b. 25 Aug 1969 Meyersdale, PA

3.35 CALVIN FRANK DELBROOK
b. 9 Aug 1917 Mt. Savage, MD
m. 27 Apr 1939 Corriganville, MD MARGARET SHRADER
b. 9 Nov 1920 Salisbury, PA ALLEN F. SCHRADER
ELLA LEE DEIST

3.351 PATRICIA ANN DELBROOK
b. 15 Oct 1941 Cumberland, MD
m. RONALD LEE LOVE b. 28 Jul 1936 Clarksburg WV
s. JOHN WESLEY LOVE and LOUISE ISNER

3.3511 WENDY LOVE b. 2 Jan 1968 Parkersburg, WV

3.3512 RONALD LEE LOVE, JR.
b. 10 Dec 1970 Pittsburgh, PA

3.36 GEORGE CLINTON DELBROOK
b. 9 Sep 1920 Mt. Savage, MD

- m. 9 Oct 1949 Somerset County STELLA MARIE MURRAY
 - b. 28 Nov 1925 Salisbury, PA daug. CLAY HUBERT
 - and ELSIE MAE (FULLER) MURRAY

- 3.361 CAROL JEAN DELBROOK
 - b. 22 Nov 1950 Frederick, MD
 - m. 18 Jul 1970 ROBERT MITCHELL OFFUTT

 - 3.3611 AMY OFFUTT b. 1971

 - 3.3612 JENNIFER OFFUTT b. 1974

 - 3.3613 JOSHUA OFFUTT b. 1982

- 3.4 WILBUR EARL WITT
 - b. 29 Feb 1892 Wellersburg, PA
 - d. ?
 - m. ELLA G. TROUTMAN

 - 3.41 MARIE WITT
 - b. ?
 - m. WILLIAM NEHRING

 - 3.42 WILHELMINA WITT
 - b. ?
 - m. MR. NEUBISER

 - 3.43 BETTY WITT
 - b. ?
 - m. MR. RINGLER

 - 3.44 HAZEL M. WITT
 - b. 3 Dec 1925 Wellersburg, PA
 - m. 31 Dec 1950 Cleveland, OH JACK MUNDAY
 - 21 Dec 1922 Orlinda TN d. 7 May 1973 Cleveland
 - s. WILL and DIXIE MUNDAY

 - 3.441 DONALD LEE MUNDAY
 - b. 7 Aug 1953 Cleveland, OH
 - m. 28 Aug 1976 MARY DOWNEY

 - 3.4411 COURTNEY MELISA DOWNEY b. 27 Dec 1981

 - 3.442 RONALD LYNN MUNDAY
 - b. 7 Aug 1953 Cleveland, OH
 - m. 19 Oct 1975 LINDA KOCH

 - 3.4421 JESSICA L. MUNDAY b. 7 Mar 1983 twin

 - 3.4422 JOANNA L. MUNDAY b. 7 Mar 1983 twin

 - 3.443 RANDY MICHAEL MUNDAY

- b. 28 Feb 1960 Cleveland, OH
- m. 29 May 1982 DEBRA CARSON
- 3.4431 IAN ANDREW MUNDAY b. 10 Feb 1983
- 3.4432 SCOTT MICHAEL MUNDAY b. 20 Apr 1984
- 3.45 DONALD (JIMMY) WITT
 - b. 13 Apr 1932
 - m.
- 3.5 EDWIN GUY WITT
 - b. 1 May 1895 Wellersburg, PA
 - d. 10 Dec 1985 Akron, OH
 - m. 5 Jul 1917 NELLIE PEARLINE CALLIS b. 7 Feb 1892
 - d. Akron, OH daug. THOMAS/FANNIE (WINTERS) CALLIS
 - 3.51 ANABELLE WITT
 - b. 13 Apr 1918 Clarksburg, WV
 - d. 27 Apr 1976 Akron, OH
 - m. 27 Jun 1942 WILLIAM BOYLE
 - 3.52 CARL EDWIN WITT
 - b. 7 Oct 1928 Akron, OH
 - m. 29 Jun 1951 Akron, OH EILEEN, div.
 - 3.521 ERIC EDWIN WITT
 - b. 16 Jun 1955 Akron, OH
 - m. 23 Nov 1974 CATHY SWARTOUT
 - 3.522 KYLE DEAN WITT
 - b. 6 Nov 1957 Akron, OH
 - m. 21 Sep 1985 KIMBERLY McMILLAN
 - 3.5221 MATTHEW WITT, b.
 - 3.523 TRACY ELIZABETH WITT
 - b. Akron, OH
 - m. 28 Mar 1987 JAMES BLAKELY
 - 3.6 GRACE ALBERTA WITT
 - b. 1 Sep 1896 Wellersburg, PA
 - d. 1 Aug 1988 Mt. Pleasant, MI
 - m. 1 Aug 1914 CLIFFORD BRUCE WELLER b. 14 Apr 1889
 - d. 12 Apr 1981 Mt. Pleasant, MI s. ALFRED BARNEY WELLER b. 16 Sep 1860 d. 14 Feb 1940
 - 3.61 GARNET WELLER
 - b. 1 May 1915 Wellersburg, PA
 - d. 28 Nov 1982 unmarried
 - 3.62 BEULAH ELMA WELLER

- b. 15 Oct 1918 Nunnery PA
 - m. 3 Jan 1942 Mt. Pleasant MI, OLIVER WILFRED HELMAN b. 8 Jul 1916 Dollar Bay, MI s. ISAAC ERIK and IDA (ULRIKA) HELMAN
- 3.63 DOROTHY JEANNE WELLER
- b. 1 Jul 1923 Nunnery, PA
 - m. 28 Jun 1952 Midland MI RICHARD HAROLD REYNOLDS
 - b. 14 Nov 1923 Grayling MI s. HARRY EARL and ERDINE (McNEVER) REYNOLDS
- 3.631 PHYLLIS ANNE REYNOLDS
- b. 25 Jul 1966 Midland, MI
- 3.7 EDNA LEORA WITT (See Chapter 3, 3.0)
- b. 23 Dec 1898 Wellersburg, PA
 - d. 22 Sep 1935 Johnstown, PA
 - m. 3 Jan 1917 RALPH ANDREW POORBAUGH
- 3.8 ROBERT LEROY WITT
- b. 29 Jun 1902 Wellersburg, PA
 - d. 13 Nov 1988 Wellersburg, PA
 - m.(1) LILY BELLE DIVELBLISS
 - m.(2) EMMA RUTH WITT b. 19 Oct 1908
- 3.81 LOUISE FOSTINA WITT
- b. 21 Mar 1924
 - d. 16 Mar 1978
 - m. ROBERT MURRAY b. 18 Aug 1924, d. 9 May 1970
- 3.811 JUDY LOUISE MURRAY
- b. 12 May 1945
 - m. 11 Mar 1978 HAROLD F. PORTER, SR.
- 3.812 SHARON ANN MURRAY
- b. 13 Jul 1947
 - m. 6 Jun 1971 GENE GILBREATH
- 3.8121 JUSTIN JOSEPH GILBREATH
- b. 2 Jun 1975
- 3.8122 ROBERT GILBREATH b. 2 Feb 1979
- 3.813 JOHN ROBERT MURRAY
- b. 25 Aug 1952
 - m. 14 Jan 1981 TINA L. NICKLAS b. 12 Aug 1957
- 3.8131 APRIL MICHELE MURRAY
- b. 22 May 1980
- 3.8132 AMY LOUISE MURRAY b. 11 Jun 1982

3.8133 JAMIE E. MURRAY b. 27 Jun 1987

3.82 REGINA YVONNE WITT
b. 28 Jul 1926
m. ROBERT DALE PETENBRINK

3.821 STEPHEN PETENBRINK

3.822 ROSALIE EILEEN PETENBRINK
b. 2 Mar 1944
m. JOSEPH HEMLER

3.8221 SHERRI HEMLER
b. ?
m. TED BRIGHT

3.823 ROBERT NEAL PETENBRINK
b. 11 May 1947

3.824 DEBRA SUE PETENBRINK
b. 16 Aug 1949

3.9 WALTER HOWARD WITT
b. 8 Sep 1906 Wellersburg, PA
m. 3 Oct 1935 Cumberland, MD LENA GERTRUDE CONWAY b.
14 Sep 1915 Sunnyside, MD daug. EDMUND MARVIN and
ESTELLA (BRIDGES) CONWAY

3.91 WALTER DeSALLES WITT
b. 20 May 1926
d. Hunting Accident
m. KATHLEEN BROWN

3.911 VICTORIA WITT
b. ?
m. Mr. KEEN

3.9111 MARIA KEEN

3.912 DANIEL MARK WITT

3.9121 DANIEL HUNTER WITT

3.913 LISA WITT

3.92 BARBARA ANN WITT
b. 18 Mar 1938 Wellersburg, PA
m. 21 Jun 1958 Stephens City VA CHARLES PATRICK
GYAUCH b. 16 Feb 1936 s. HARRY M. and HELEN
(DATKO) GYAUCH

3.921 CHARLES ERIC GYAUCH

b. 14 Sep 1960 Selfrege AFB, MI
m. 26 Jul 1986 ALISA (LISA) MARSH b. 9 Aug
1959

3.9211 WILLIAM GYAUCH
b. 18 Mar 1988

3.922 BETH ELLEN GYAUCH
b. 14 Sep 1960 Selfrege AFB, MI
m. 31 Jul 1983 WESLEY M. DAVIS b. 12 May 1958

3.923 SUZANNE (SUZY) ELYSE GYAUCH
b. 23 Feb 1963 Miami, FL
m. 13 Dec 1986 MICHAEL DAWSON

3.924 DAVID SCOTT GYAUCH
b. 13 Oct 1964 Vandenberg AFB, CA

3.93 JON CHARLES WITT
b. 10 Aug 1939 Wellersburg, PA
m. RITA JOYCE COURTNEY b. 15 Feb 1940 Meyersdale
daug. ROBERT and EVA (GREW) COURTNEY

3.931 JANICE HELEN WITT
b. 17 May 1968

3.932 KAREN ANN WITT
b. 23 Jul 1970

7.0 ALICE LOUISA MOSER
b. 29 Mar 1864 Broad Top City, PA
d. 11 Apr 1948 pneumonia Corriganville, MD

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FAMILY GROUPS

GEORGE WASHINGTON WITT and ALICE LOUISA MOSER	6.0
JOHN G. WITT and REBECCA SHAFFER	12.0
EDNA LEORA WITT and RALPH ANDREW POORBAUGH	3.0

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CHAPTER 6

JACOB POORBAUGH AND HARRIET EVA WAGERMAN

JACOB POORBAUGH, my great-grandfather, was the son of JOHN POORBAUGH and SARAH ELIZABETH HERRINGTON GERRY, and was born 10 March 1823 at the home farm in Northampton Township Somerset County PA. He died 1 Jan. 1910, before I was born, but my father spoke of him many times. He idolized his grandfather, who was a great influence in his life. The two families lived in the same home for some years especially after JACOB became a widower, and lived for another eighteen years. My father was twenty-one at that time.

On 22 May 1845 JACOB POORBAUGH married HARRIET EVA WAGERMAN, daughter of JOHN WAGERMAN and CHRISTINA GELLER. She was eighteen and he was twenty-two. To this union five sons and three daughters were born, all on the home farm that was part of the original homestead of PHILLIP BURBACH (POORBAUGH), who had received the land after the Revolutionary War. There is a record of land they acquired 25 May 1871, over 36 acres for \$368.74, from JONATHAN and REBECCA SHAFFER. He already owned some bordering land. The land had been owned by Ludwig Bear.

Although farming was his chief occupation, JACOB POORBAUGH had many other interests. He was very civic-minded, and held most of the offices in Northampton Township during his life time. He was a talented musician and even taught some of his children and grandchildren to play the organ. He was baptized and confirmed 1 Oct 1879 by the Rev. Benjamin Knepper in the old Mull's Church. He served as Elder and Deacon, and was on the building committee for the Mt. Lebanon church, completed in 1875. He was buried in the church cemetery 1 Jan. 1910, where his ornate tombstone remains still very intact, with inscriptions on four sides. He was a kind, soft spoken gentleman, and left a will that was concise. The debts were to be paid, then everything left over should be divided, share and share alike, among his heirs.

My great-grandmother HARRIET was a shy, dainty lady who was so self-conscious she obliterated her face on any family portraits. She and JACOB were married forty-seven years, and she died at age sixty-five. He died eighteen years later at the age of eighty-seven.

All of the nine children were born at the family homestead. I remember several of them from family pictures, and seeing them at family reunions through the years. In recent years I have become acquainted with many of the descendants, and treasure the moments we share together.

8.0 JACOB POORBAUGH

- b. 10 Mar 1823 Northampton Township Somerset County, PA
- d. 1 Jan 1910 bur. Mt. Lebanon Church Cemetery Somerset County
- m. 22 May 1845 HARRIET EVA WAGERMAN

- 4.1 SARAH A. POORBAUGH
 - b. 12 Jan 1846 Northampton Township Somerset County, PA
 - d. 10 Nov 1884 Brothers Valley Township
 - m. 11 Jun 1865 BENJAMIN B. BITTNER 1844-1918
- 4.11 MINERVA JANE BITTNER
 - b. 1 Oct 1865 Brothers Valley Township Somerset County
 - d. 31 Mar 1942
 - m. 1 Mar 1887 EDWARD McDOWELL WALKER 1863-1896
- 4.111 NETTIE ELIZA WALKER
 - b. 19 Sep 1887 Summit Township Somerset County PA
 - d. 2 May 1971 Berlin, PA
 - m. 25 Oct 1911 JACOB GLESSNER SUDER 1886-1971
- 4.2 CYRUS POORBAUGH
 - b. 12 Apr 1847 Northampton Township Somerset County PA
 - d. 25 May 1848 bur. Mulls Cemetery
- 4.3 JOHN POORBAUGH
 - b. 12 Jan 1850 Northampton Township Somerset County PA
 - d. 15 Mar 1850 bur. Mulls Cemetery
- 4.4 WILSON POORBAUGH
 - b. 24 May 1851 Northampton Township Somerset County PA
 - d. 13 Aug 1864 bur. Mulls Cemetery
- 4.5 NORMAN BRUCE POORBAUGH, SR.
 - b. 26 Oct 1852 Northampton Township Somerset County PA
 - d. 4 Jul 1931
 - m. 8 Jun 1880 SARAH ELLEN GLADWELL 1857-1945
- 4.51 HARRIET EVA POORBAUGH
 - b. 27 May 1881 Northampton Township Somerset County PA
 - d. 17 Dec 1952 bur. Mt. Lebanon Cem.
 - m. 26 Nov 1906 FRANK B. MILLER 1881-1956
- 4.52 HARVEY A. POORBAUGH
 - b. 17 Feb 1883 Northampton Township Somerset County PA
 - d. 24 Mar 1962 bur. Roswell, NM
 - m. 3 Oct 1906 MARY ELIZABETH BERKEY 1886-1952
- 4.521 HARRIET ELLEN POORBAUGH
 - b. 4 Nov 1907 Johnstown, PA
 - m. 25 Mar 1940 VERNON ROBERTSON 1908-
- 4.53 OSCAR PORTER POORBAUGH
 - b, 8 Jan 1887 Northampton Township Somerset County PA
 - d. 11 Jun 1973 Hagerstown, MD
 - m. 15 Apr 1909 EVA ELIZABETH MILLER 1890-1934

- 4.54 NELLIE GRACE POORBAUGH
b. 29 Mar 1890 Northampton Township Somerset County PA
d. 22 Mar 1954 bur. Mt. Lebanon Cemetery
m. 19 Oct 1913 ELMER C. MCKENZIE 1889-1971
- 4.55 ROBERT EARL POORBAUGH
b. 28 Apr 1894 Northampton Township Somerset County PA
d. 15 Jul 1955 Toledo, OH
m. 13 Jan 1921 BERTHA DARR 1903-
- 4.56 NORMAN BRUCE POORBAUGH, JR.
b. 20 Dec 1896 Northampton Township Somerset County PA
m. 1 Dec 1918 AVALENE HITE III, 1902-1986
- 4.561 TELMA IRENE POORBAUGH
b. 6 Sep 1919 Hyndman, PA
m. 1 Mar 1946 WILLIAM GILMOUR 1917-1969
- 4.5611 JANET LEE GILMOUR
b. 13 Jan 1954 Cumberland MD
m. 24 Sep 1977 GEORGE EDWIN CUPPETT 1944
- 4.5612 VICKIE LYNNE GILMOUR
b. 25 May 1956 Cumberland MD
m. 11 Apr 1981 LESTER CARL BLUM
- 4.6 ELLEN JANE POORBAUGH
b. 29 Nov 1857 Northampton Township Somerset County PA
d. 9 May 1928 bur. Mt. Lebanon Cemetery
m. 11 Nov 1875 WILLIAM JACKSON MEYERS 1853-1927
- 4.61 VIRGNIIA MATILDA MEYERS
b. 18 Apr 1874 Northampton Township Somerset County
d. 1947 bur. Mt. Lebanon Cem. Somerset County PA
m. 11 Jan 1910 BRUCE H. RODENISER
- 4.611 BRUCE H. RODENISER, JR.
b. 18 May 1912 Pittsburgh, PA
- 4.62 JACOB RUBEN MEYERS
b. 7 Nov 1877 Northampton Township Somerset County PA
d. 11 Jun 1940 bur. Mt. Lebanon Cemetery
m. MARY DEAL 1876-1960
- 4.63 WILSON SYLVESTER MEYERS
b. 24 Feb 1879 Northampton Township Somerset County
d. 19 Sep 1921 bur. Mt. Pleasant, PA
m. 1908 EVA E. MASON 1890-1980
- 4.64 HARVEY THEODORE MEYERS
b. 13 Aug 1880 Northampton Township Somerset County
d. 25 Oct 1950 bur. Mt. Lebanon Cemetery

m. 7 Aug 1912 EDITH HILLEGAS 1891-1960

4.641 MARJORY CLARISSA MEYERS
 b. 10 Feb 1913 Glencoe, PA
 m. 29 Jun 1940 CARL ALLEN HAY, SR.

4.6411 CARL ALLEN HAY, JR.
 b. 24. Mar 1942 Meyersdale, PA
 m. 16 Apr 1966 BETTY ARLENE KEEFER

4.6412 KAREN IDELLA HAY
 b. 29 Mar 1950 Meyersdale, PA
 m. 15 Oct 1971 THOMAS N. GLESSNER

4.642 ELLEN ORVADA MEYERS
 b. 8 Aug 1916 Somerset County
 m. 16 Feb 1939 WILLIAM KENNETH MEYERS

4.643 HARRIET ARLINE MEYERS
 b. 28 Jan 1919 Somerset County PA
 m. 20 May 1947 VIRGIL EDWARD BAUGHAN

4.644 DARYLE EILEEN MEYERS
 b. 14 Jun 1925 Somerset County PA
 m. 7 Aug 1965 WILLIAM E. GNAGEY

4.7 MARY MELISSA POORBAUGH
 b. 3 Jan 1861 Syracuse, NY
 d. 1 Oct 1941 Akron, OH bur. Mt. Zion Cem. Somerset Co.
 m. 9 Jun 1879 EPHRAIM E. BOGER 1854-1931

4.71 ESSIE MARGARET BOGER
 b. 22 Mar 1880 Brothers Valley Township Somerset Co. PA
 d. 16 Mar 1956 bur. Mt. Zion Cem. Hays Church
 m. 1 Jan 1903 HENRY H. MILLER 1881-1967

4.711 BLANCH M. MILLER 1904-1905

4.712 RAYMOND E. MILLER
 b. 4 Apr 1906 Meyersdale, PA
 m. 24 Aug 1931 FLORENCE CRAWFORD

4.713 VERLE LEROY MILLER
 b. 11 Mar 1909 Meyersdale, PA
 m. DOROTHY S. STRAYER

4.714 HOMER HAROLD MILLER
 b. 14 Jun 1918 Johnstown, PA
 m. 11 Oct 1941 ANNA RUTH ENGELBACH

4.7141 ANITA MARIE MILLER
 b. 4 Oct 1957 Brockport NY

4.8 HARVEY McCLELLAN POORBAUGH (See Chapter 4, 4.0)

b. 24 Nov 1863

d. 28 Jun 1926

m. 9 Dec 1886 ANNIE MARGARETTA SCHELLER

4.9 EMMA MINERVA POORBAUGH

b. 25 Aug 1866 Northampton Township Somerset County PA

d. 30 Dec 1931 bur. Mt. Lebanon Cemetery Somerset County PA

m. 13 Nov 1890 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BITTNER 1866-1926

9.0 HARRIET EVA WAGERMAN

b. 12 Sep 1827 Northampton Township Somerset County, PA

d. 27 Nov 1892 Northampton Township Somerset County, PA

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CHAPTER 7

JOHN W. SCHELLER - MARY MILLER

My great-grandfather, JOHN W. SCHELLER, and great-grandmother, MARY MILLER came from Wurtemberg, Germany, where they were both born. I do not have a record of their arrival, but do know their third child was born in Glen Savage, Somerset County PA. She was my grandmother Annie Margretta. Also living in Glen Savage were the parents of JOHN W. ANDREW SCHELLER and his wife MARY MILLER. He was born in Schlanchoff, Zumhaus, Germany and she was also born in Germany.

I remember visiting a sawmill and farm near Schellsburg which belonged to the Scheller brothers, and when I was seven years old I had my tonsils removed at Dr. Miller's Office in Berlin, PA. I stayed at the home of Uncle George Scheller in Berlin for a few days, and remember the big red brick house on the corner of the town square and how good their vanilla ice cream made me feel.

In 1925 the following visited the R.A. POORBAUGH Lumber County saw-mill at the Duppstadt Dam: RALPH, ROY, ANNIE, ARTHUR and HARVEY POORBAUGH; GEORGE and CHARLES SCHELLER and HENRY DUPPSTADT. More recently we visited the SCHELLER graves and my brother KARL POORBAUGH took us to the well-kept cemetery at the Mt. Zion church east of Roxbury, PA. We were able to take photographs of gravestones, although it was raining at the time. Most of the others are buried at the cemetery in Berlin, PA.

The following letter was found among the papers of my father, RALPH A. POORBAUGH, and was translated by someone he knew.

1921 Zumhaus, Germany. " Dear Friends,

I will take my pen in hand and write to my relatives across the ocean in America. Starvation and poorness is the trouble here. We would never have asked our relatives in America to help us if starvation had not overtaken us so.

First I want to tell you what relatives we are. My Father GEORGE SCHELLER was born July 13 1839 in Schlanchoff and he had 3 sisters and 2 brothers, his oldest brother JOHN left early in years for America who is the Father or Grandfather of the ones who will receive this letter.

The youngest Brother ANDREW also followed JOHN to America, but much later and one sister was married and she died long ago, and two of her daughters went to America and they are in Milwaukee and another sister died when she was 19 years of age and the youngest Sister is still living and she is 71 years of age, and she is also in great need and distress.

My Father GEORGE SCHELLER died when he was 78 years of age, he died on the 15th. of August 1917, and his Brother JOHN who is the Father of the following ones who shall receive this letter, is dead too if I am not mistaken he died about the year 1910.

Both GEORGE and JOHN wrote to each other very often, there are still letters here from his brother JOHN, also ANDREW wrote to us often until after the war, but since the war started we do not hear from him, I suppose he is dead too.

Our Father is not living anymore and his address is not in our keeping anymore and I am the youngest of my Fathers children and I will be 25 years old until the 22 of April. Now the readers of this letter will think, is it possible that Father or Grandfather now his Brother still has such young children. Yes it is possible and now I will explain---My Father was 35 years of age when he was married, and he was 43 years old when his first wife died, and when he was 46 years he got married again and his wife was 16 years younger, and my Father was 58 years old when I was born, and when he died I was 21 years old, of his first wife there was one Sister and one Brother, the sister got married 12 years ago and the Brother stayed in France and fell, a shot went through his head, he was 34 years old in 1915. One Brother got married and lives in Schnellendorph he has a Hotel and the other Brother ERNEST is on the old farm. One sister aged 26 years died single in 1918. I am the youngest daughter and Sister and I am single yet because the starvation and need in war was so great. Then I could count myself to the middle class of people but now I am counted to the poor because I am not married, so I am very poor and weakly. The money here does no good because everything is so very high.

It is impossible for me to buy my clothes my self, my mother and I are living here and are in the greatest need of help.

My Brothers are not rich either, but yet they are not in so great a need of help as we are because they have their own real estate.

Goods are so very often sent into the relatives in Germany, so I ask my relatives to help me because we are so very poor on account of the war. So I ask you not to forget us and help us with money or clothes.

My uncle JOHN SCHELLER in America had 7 or 9 children, and if some of them would just send \$5.00 each, how rich how rich I would be, then I could buy some clothes for myself. My brother wrote to you some time ago just what I am writing to you and it is very true in deed. We know through our Father that his brother JOHN was very rich and that he was a millionaire, so then his following will not be in need over there, so I ask you once more to remember me and my old mother. I do not know if the one that will receive this letter will be a son or a nephew. I am sending you all the best and true German wishes."

MARY SCHELLER

(Rewritten from German to English by AUGUST GRENKE)

10.0 JOHN W. SCHELLER

b. 20 Feb 1835, Wurtemberg, Germany

d. 2 Mar 1907 Allegany Township Somerset County PA

m. 1861 MARY MILLER

- 5.1 HENRY SCHELLER
 - b. 1862 PA
- 5.2 FRANKLIN SCHELLER
 - b. 1862 PA
 - d. 1931 PA
- 5.3 ANNA MARGRETTA SCHELLER (See Chapter 4, 5.0)
 - b. 8 May 1866 Glen Savage, PA
 - d. 29 Jun 1939 Northampton Township, Somerset County PA
 - m. 9 Dec 1835 HARVEY McCLELLAN POORBAUGH
- 5.4 AMELIA SCHELLER
 - b. 14 Apr 1866 Glen Savage, Somerset County PA
 - d. 12 Nov 1905 Allegany Township Somerset County PA
 - m. 1 Jan 1892 BENJAMIN POORBAUGH, b. 7 Dec 1866
Allegany Township Somerset Co, d. 30 May 1955
- 5.41 OLIVE GENNETTA POORBAUGH
 - b. 31 Oct 1894 Allegany Township Somerset County PA
 - d. 20 May 1966
 - m. 31 Oct 1917 JONAS FIKE 1891-1945
- 5.5 ROSA SCHELLER
 - b. 1869 Glen Savage, Somerset County PA
- 5.6 JOHN A. SCHELLER
 - b. 1872 Glen Savage, PA
 - d. 1931
 - m. MARY
- 5.7 CHARLES SCHELLER
 - b. 1873 Glen Savage, Somerset County PA
- 5.8 GEORGE E. SCHELLER
 - b. 25 Sep 1877 Glen Savage, Somerset County PA
 - d. 22 Oct 1939 Fairhope Township Somerset County PA
 - m. 11 Sep 1907 ELIZABETH MAY DEETER, b. 6 Nov 1887
Fairhope, Township Somerset County PA, d.
- 5.81 ARTHUR JENNINGS SCHELLER
 - b. 26 Mar 1908 Fairhope Township Somerset County PA
 - m. 12 Jan 1933 PEARL WELLWER, b. 6 Jul 1910
- 5.811 SARA JANE SCHELLER
 - b. 20 May 1933 Summit Mills PA
- 5.812 JOYCE MARIE SCHELLER
 - b. 14 Apr 1942 Summit Mills PA
- 5.82 ELECTRA GRACE SCHELLER
 - b. 20 Jul 1909 Fairhope Township Somerset County PA

d. 1924

5.83 JOHN STANLEY SCHELLER
b. Feb 1912 Fairhope Township Somerset County PA
m. MARION LANDIS, divorced

5.831 BENJAMIN M. SCHELLER

5.832 STANLEY SCHELLER
m. JOYCE HUMMEL

5.84 HERMAN WOODROW SCHELLER
b. 9 Jun 1913 Glen Savage, Somerset County PA
m. 27 Jun 1935 VIVIAN M. VOGEL, b. 21 Jul 1915

5.841 CONNIE LEE SCHELLER
b. 3 Jul 1936 Somerset PA

5.842 KAY MADREE SCHELLER
b. 25 Aug 1937 Somerset PA

5.843 NEIL V. SCHELLER
b. 18 May 1948 Meyersdale, PA

5.844 JAVAN K. SCHELLER
b. 16 May 1950 Meyersdale, PA

5.845 TRACY DEE SCHELLER
b. 18 Nov 1955 Meyersdale, PA

5.85 PAUL WILLIAM SCHELLER
b. 12 Apr 1917 Berlin, PA

5.86 GEORGE EMIL SCHELLER
b. 21 Nov 1922
m. 10 Nov 1962 ESTHER MOON, b. 21 Nov 1935

11.0 MARY MILLER
b. 19 Jun 1840 Northampton Township Somerset County PA
d. 6 Jun 1903 Allegany Township Somerset County PA

20.0 ANDREW SCHELLER
b. Schlanchoff, Zumhaus, Germany
d. a. 1850
m. MARGARET MILLER, Germany

10.0 JOHN W. SCHWELLER (See 10.0 above)

10.2 GEORGE SCHELLER
b. 1839 Germany
m. (See attached letter)

10.24 ERNEST SCHELLER (Farmer, married)

10.26 MARY SCHELLER (Wrote enclosed letter)
b. 22 Apr 1896 Zumhaus, Germany

10.3 JOHN ANDREW SCHELLER
b. 26 Dec 1841 Wurtemberg, Germany
m. 1867 CAROLINE FRANZ

21.0 MARGARET MILLER
b, Germany
d. a. 1850 census

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CHAPTER 8

JOHN G. WITT AND REBECCA SHAFFER

JOHN G. WITT was born in 1821 at the home of his parents, JOHN and REBECCA KORNS WITT, in Allegany Co, MD. The homestead farm was located at the bottom of the hill below Wellersburg, PA, Berlin, PA, and Cumberland, MD. It was a stage coach stop at one time. JOHN was a youth when his father died in 1836, and was put under the guardianship of his father's brother JONATHAN. At the age of 22, JOHN married REBECCA SHAFFER, 20 year old daughter of GIDEON and BARBARA KENNEL SHAFFER. They lived together for 63 years. He died of senility and paralysis at the age of 84 years, 10 months and 11 days. She died 7 years later at the age of 90. They are both buried in the Union Cemetery in Wellersburg next to their son GEORGE W. and his wife ALICE MOSER WITT.

JOHN G. and REBECCA WITT were the parents of 4 children: ANGELINA, JOHN WILLIAMSON, LEVI and GEORGE WASHINGTON WITT. ANGELINA, the only daughter, was born in 1845 and lived a long busy life. She married JOHN GESSNER and they lived together in Wellersburg, PA, for 24 years. They did not have any children of their own, but raised her brother LEVI'S three children after their mother died. After her husband died she moved into the home of her brother GEORGE and his wife ALICE. She died at the age of 77. Her nephew, Walter remembers giving her castor oil every day.

My mother EDNA was the youngest daughter of GEORGE and LOUISE, and was a special person to her Aunt "ANGIE". Before she died she said she wanted EDNA to have the organ which I first remember seeing in Grandmother's parlor. It is a five-octave table top walnut model made by the SPANG Organ Co. in Syracuse, NY. When my brother ARTHUR POORBAUGH was a young man he transported the organ to the POORBAUGH home in Stonycreek Township. He repaired the bellows and put new pegs under the keys so it was in working order. Later, after Mother died it was on the unheated porch for some years until brother KARL took it to the ZEITLER home in Indiana, PA. In 1956 the organ was moved to Texas with the ZEITLER possessions. By this time the instrument was not playable and since we had the Betsy Ross spinet piano, we sold the organ to an antique collector whose husband installed an electric motor to replace the bellows. We bought it back several years later. We gave the piano to our grandson KEVIN ZEITLER, and daughter KARLENE MAAS has the organ now in her home in Flower Mound, TX. The JOHN and ANGELINA GESSNER Bible is also in the possession of the ZEITLER family. It is a Catholic Bible.

The first son of JOHN G. and REBECCA WITT was JOHN WILLIAMSON WITT, born 8 years after ANGELINA in 1845. In 1887 he married EVA AGNEW WINGERT. He was a wagon-maker in Roanoke, VA. 3 years after JOHN WILLIAMSON, LEVI was born at the homestead farm as were the other children. His first wife, MARY died after having three children, NELLIE, IDA and CLARENCE, who were raised by ANGELINA GESSNER. LEVI

married as his second wife, MARGARET ALICE KNIERIEM, daughter of PETER and REBECCA KNIERIEM. Their children were: RUTH, MARGARET and RALPH KNIERIEM WITT. They made their home in Roanoke, VA, where their grandfather JOHN G. had acquired land. They were in the real estate business. Neither RUTH nor MARGARET married. MARGARET attended HOOD College in 1930. She was an art teacher. Her sister RUTH visited my parents several times. She was a friendly and caring person, sending gifts to distant relatives whom she never met. One was sent to our daughter when she was born in 1961. RUTH died a year later.

LEVI and MARGARET ALICE's son RALPH KNIERIEM was born in 1906 in ROANOKE, VA. My mother remembered him a precocious 11 year old who enjoyed pulling tricks with electrical gadgets. RALPH WITT received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Virginia in 1927 and a Doctorate from Johns Hopkins in 1931. He was appointed a Fellow at the University of Berlin in 1933, and another at the University of CA. at Berkeley in 1934. He was a Petroleum Technician for Shell Oil in CA before being appointed to the Chemical Engineering Dept. of Johns Hopkins Un. in 1971. He retired from Johns Hopkins and died at the age of 72 after 41 years of marriage to MARY FRANCES LUTZ, whom he married in 1934. She was the daughter of IRA DANIEL and MYRTLE G PRAGG LUTZ. RALPH and MARY were the parents of MARILYN LUTZ WITT, who was born in 1944 in Baltimore, MD. She was married in 1966 to RICHARD GUY SEDLACK. They are the parents of JOHN WITT SEDLACK, JEFFERSON SHIPLEY SEDLACK and DOUGLAS ARTHUR SEDLACK, who were born in Towson, MD. GUY SEDLACK is a Professor at the Towson State University, MD. We had the opportunity to visit them several years ago in Towson. Several years before MARILYN was born, her parents visited me while I was a student at HOOD College, and some years later MARILYN and her mother MARY came to Washington, DC when I was GARNETTE WELLER'S guest.

My grandfather, GEORGE WASHINGTON WITT was the fourth child of JOHN G. and REBECCA WITT. He was 2 years younger than LEVI. His family is found in Chapter 5.

Although JOHN G WITT lived until 25 May 1906, he wrote the following will 18 May 1887: "I JOHN G. WITT of Mt. Savage, district number 13 ALLEGANY County Maryland, Yeoman, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, do make and publish this, my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. First of all I direct that my body be interred in the Cemetery at Wellersburg PA and that my funeral services be conducted by a Minister of the Lutheran Church. As to such estate as it has pleased God to entrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows Viz: 1st, Should the life of my beloved wife, Rebecca and daughter Angelina be continued beyond the time of my death they may select from the household goods, furniture, bedding and all such as they may desire. My will is that my beloved wife Rebecca and daughter Angelina shall occupy the farm now occupied by us during their natural lifetime they pay all taxes that may accrue on said farm during their lifetime. My will is that after the death of my beloved wife, Rebecca and daughter Angelina that the home farm be sold by my executors

hereafter named and the money be distributed among my legal heirs according to the will. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife, three cows and all the chickens.

My will is that my farm in Somerset County Pennsylvania and house and lot and three other lots in Roanoke, Virginia be sold by my executors here-after named not less than one year after my death and the money be distributed among my legal heirs according to this will.

My will is that all notes held against my children shall cease bearing interest at my death same to be set off against them in distribution of my estate.

My will is that all my personal property not heretofore bequeathed shall be sold by my executors hereafter named at public sale to the highest and best bidder and the money to be distributed among my legal heirs according to this will.

My will is, of the personal and real estate I give and bequeath to my beloved wife one third and the remaining two thirds to my children namely Angelina, John, Levi and George W. equal shares share and share alike. The share of my real and personal estate herein devised and bequeathed to my wife, to be in lieu of her dower and common law.

And lastly, I nominate, constitute, and appoint my said sons Levi Witt and George W. Witt Executors of my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I John G. Witt, the Testator, have to this, my will, written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this 18th day of May A.D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven.

Signed sealed, published and declared by the above named John G. Witt, as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who have here unto subscribed our names at his request as witnesses thereto, in the presence of the said testator, and of each other. W.W. Rizer and J.J. Cook. John G. Witt."

12.0 JOHN G. WITT

- b. 13 Jun 1821 Allegany County, MD
- d. 25 May 1906 Wellersburg, PA
- m. 13 Jul 1843 REBECCA SHAFFER

6.1 ANGELINA WITT

- b. 21 Nov 1845 Wellersburg, PA
- d. 1922 Wellersburg, PA
- m. 19 Apr 1870 JOHN GESSNER

6.2 JOHN WILLIAMSON WITT

- b. 5 Mar 1853 Allegany County, MD
- d. ?
- m. 18 Oct 1887 EVA A WINGERT, Wellersburg, PA b. 1860

6.3 LEVI WITT

- b. 18 Jun 1858 Allegany County, MD
- d. Roanoke, VA
- m.(1) c. 1878 MARY
- m.(2) 24 Nov 1891 MARGARET "ALICE" KNIERIEM

- 6.31 NELLIE WITT
 - b. ?
 - d. bur. Wellersburg, PA
- 6.32 IDA WITT
 - b. ?
 - d. bur. Wellersburg, PA
- 6.33 CLARENCE WITT
 - b. 1880
- 6.34 RUTH WITT
 - b. Roanoke, VA
 - d. 1962 Roanoke, VA
- 6.35 MARGARET WITT
 - b. Roanoke, VA
 - d. p. 1930 Roanoke, VA
- 6.36 RALPH KNIERIEM WITT
 - b. 26 Apr 1906 Roanoke, VA
 - d. Aug 1976 Baltimore, MD
 - m. 1934 MARY FRANCIS LUTZ, b. 23 May 1910 Boone, IA
- 6.361 MARILYN LUTZ WITT
 - b. 1944 Baltimore, MD
 - d. Living 1990 Towson, MD
 - m. 1966 RICHARD GUY SEDLACK, b. 1940
- 6.3611 JOHN WITT SEDLACK
 - b. 1 Dec 1970 Towson, MD
- 6.3612 JEFFERSON SHIPLEY SEDLACK
 - b. 8 Jun 1972 Towson, MD
- 6.3613 DOUGLAS ARTHUR SEDLACK
 - b. 25 Apr 1977 Towson, MD
- 6.4 GEORGE WASHINGTON WITT (See 6.0 Above)
 - b. 9 Jun 1860 Allegany County, MD
 - d. 26 Apr 1943
 - m. 4 Sep 1881 ALICE LOUISE MOSER

- 13.0 REBECCA SHAFFER
 - b. 27 Sep 1823 Wellersburg, PA
 - d. 1913 Wellersburg, PA
 - m. 13 Jul 1843

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Marriage Certificate JOHN WILLIAMSON WITT and EVA AGNEW WINGERT,
Somerset County, PA

John G. Witt Death Certificate, File No. 48727, Bur. Vit. Stat.
New Castle, PA

Wellersburg Reformed and Lutheran Church Cemetery, Tombstones
JOHN G. WITT, 1821-1906; REBECCA SHAFFER, 1823-1913

1850 Census Allegany County MD (Mt. Savage District)

1860 Census Allegany County MD (Mt. Savage District)

CHAPTER 9

JOHN HENRY MOSER AND CHARLOTTA MARGRETHA LOUISA ANNE HAYMAN

JOHN HENRY (called HENRY) MOSER was born in Hanover, Germany in 1828 and came to America with his parents 1843 or 44. They landed at Pond Bank and after living in Lancaster County they moved to Southampton Township Somerset County, PA where they made their home in Wellersburg. In 1856 he married CHARLOTTA MARGRETTA LOUISA ANNE HAYMAN daughter of FRANCIS HAYMAN and MARY HAYMAN of Hyndman, PA. FRANCIS HAYMAN was born in 1808, and died 11 June 1891. They came to America in 1847. HENRY MOSER was in the mercantile business. He purchased the store from Isaac Augustine, who had bought it from JACOB COOK. He also held the office of Mayor of Wellersburg. They were the parents of ten children, seven of whom grew to adulthood. They were married for 54 years when ANNE died at the age of 76. HENRY lived for 85 years.

I did not know any of the other members of the family except my grand-mother, ALICE LOUISA and her two sisters SARAH ANNE, and IDA CATHERINE. See Ch.5 for ALICE LOUISA WITT. SARAH ANNE, "AUNT SADIE" was a very gracious, gregarious lady, the tallest person in the family. In her Memory Book, in my possession, she had many endearing verses written to her. It is of note that the ones from her sisters and brothers had such good penmanship and grammar, considering the fact that their parents had come from Germany, and still used the German language.

In 1896 SARAH ANNE (SADIE) married CHARLES P. HOLDERBAUM, who was a member of a prominent family in Somerset, Pa. He rode his horse, Mattie, to Wellersburg, and later named her colt Sadie. They were married when SARAH ANNE was 20 years old. They established a men's clothing store on W. Main St., Somerset, PA, and lived above the store in a seven-room apartment. After they closed the clothing store, the first floor was used for the post office, and later bus station. A porch extended across the front of the apartment, and it was a favorite gathering place, especially on Saturday nights to watch the people go by. Sadie was a faithful member of the Somerset Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, held offices for years and kept records of attendance in her diary. She was also a member of the St. Paul's Reformed Church and taught in the Sunday school.

The CHARLES HOLDERBAUMS did not have any children, but were seldom alone and each guest would be greeted with "Well! Well! Well, come in." After having a bad fall, SADIE became an invalid and died at the age of 92. After her estate was settled she gave the remainder of \$10,241.41 to the St. Paul's Old Ladies Home in Greenville, PA.

I was also acquainted with the eighth child, IDA CATHERINE, who was 6 years younger than my Grandmother. She married WILLIAM LONG and they raised a large family in Wellersburg. One of the daughters was HATTIE, one of my Mother's favorite cousins. She married a Mr. BLANK,

and had several children, one of whom was KATHLEEN. After HATTIE'S marriage to ROBERT CRISSEY they moved to Stonycreek Township, where KATHLEEN attended school with my brother ARTHUR. We visited the family frequently since they lived in the Crissey Homestead on the Lincoln Highway several miles from our home. "BOB" CRISSEY was a lumber manufacturer as was my father. He died some years ago, but HATTIE is living in Stoystown, PA.

14.0 JOHN HENRY MOSER

b. 15 Jan 1828 Hanover, Germany
m. 26 Mar 1856
d. 18 Apr 1913 Wellersburg, PA

7.1 MARY JANE (JENNIE) MOSER

b. 28 Jan 1857
d. 9 Jan 1890 Wellersburg, PA
m. 25 Nov 1875 GEORGE H. DeHAVEN

7.2 JOHN HENRY (HARRY) MOSER, JR.

b. 7 Nov 1858
d. 29 Aug 1917

7.3 PHILIP THOMAS MOSER

b. 1 Sep 1860
d. 24 Aug 1863

7.4 CLARA ISABELLA MOSER

b. 10 Aug 1862
d. 26 Mar 1864

7.0 ALICE LOUISA MOSER (Chapter 5)

b. 29 Mar 1864 Broad Top City, Huntingdon County PA
d. 11 April 1948 Corriganville, MD
m. 4 Sep 1881 G. W. WITT, Cumberland, MD

7.6 SARAH ANNE MOSER

b. 7 Mar 1866, Wellersburg, PA
d. 10 May 1958
m. Oct 1886 CHARLES P. HOLDERBAUM

7.7 WILLIAM FRANCIS MOSER

b. 11 Feb 1868, Wellersburg, PA
d. 17 May 1913 Wellersburg, PA
m. 25 Apr 1899 CATHERINE KNEPPER

7.8 IDA CATHERINE MOSER

b. 29 Nov 1870, Wellersburg, PA
d. 4 Jun 1937 Wellersburg, PA
m. 6 Jun 1895 WILLIAM LONG

7.9 EVA JUNETTA MOSER

b. 17 Feb 1873, Wellersburg, PA
d. 24 Aug 1875 Wellersburg, PA_ _

7.A GRANVILLE WASHINGTON MOSER
b. 22 Jun 1880, Wellersburg, PA
d. 30 Sep 1913 Wellersburg, PA
m. 17 Jan 1911 BERTHA POFFENBERGER

15.0 CHARLOTTA MARGRETHA LOUISA ANNE HAYMAN
b. 26 Mar 1834 Germany
d. 8 May 1910 Wellersburg. PA

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Chapter 10

JOHN POORBAUGH AND SARAH ELIZABETH GERRY HERRINGTON

JOHN POORBAUGH, the fourth son and ninth child of PHILLIP and CATHERINE ELIZABETH ILGENFRITZ, was born in Londonderry Township Somerset County PA in 1795. Sometime before the 1820 census he married SARAH ELIZABETH, and it is not known whether her maiden name was GERRY or HERRINGTON, since both are shown in the records. She was born in 1799, and they lived together for 44 years before he died at the age of 69. She lived for 15 more years to raise the three minor children of their family of eight. The children were all born in Allegany Township, where JOHN had developed a homestead on land next to the original home farm. After his father died his mother made her home with JOHN's family. After she died he was the highest bidder to buy the Homestead farm. The family attended MULL's church where JOHN was a devoted member all his life. In his will he names his wife SARAH ELIZABETH and gives equal shares of \$135.42 to six of the children, the deceased daughter ELLEN's share to her two living children, and son JOHN J. has already received more than his share.

JOHN was originally buried in the MULL's Cemetery, but was later moved to Mt. Lebanon Cemetery where SARAH and the rest of the family were buried. This is in Northampton Township Somerset County. The locations can be explained by the following: Somerset County was formed in 1795 and in 1801 Southampton Township was formed from Londonderry Township. In 1805 Allegany Township was formed from a part of Southampton and in 1851 Northampton was formed from another part. Apparently JOHN's two farms were separated by a township line.

16.0 JOHN POORBAUGH

- b. 24 May 1795 Londonderry Township Somerset County PA.
- m. a 1820 Census SARAH ELIZABETH GERRY HERRINGTON.
- d. 15 Nov. 1864 Allegany Township Somerset County

8.1 ELENA (ELLEN) POORBAUGH

- b. 26 Dec. 1821, Allegany Township Somerset County PA.
- d..25 Aug. 1850, Allegany Township Somerset County PA.

8.2 JACOB POORBAUGH

- b. 10 Apr. 1823, Allegany Township Somerset County PA.
- m. 22 May 1845, HARRIET EVA WAGERMAN.
- d. 1 Jan. 1910. (See Chapter 6)

8.3 SOLOMON POORBAUGH

- b. 6 Mar. 1825, Allegany Township Somerset County PA.
- d. ante 1830.

8.4 SAMUEL JEHU POORBAUGH

- b. 16 Feb. 1827, Allegany Township Somerset County PA.
- m. 1 Aug. 1850, TENA RINGLER, 1828-1879.
- d. 13 June 1905, Allegany Township Somerset, County PA

8.5 JOHN J. POORBAUGH

- b. 16 Dec. 1829, ALLEGANY Township Somerset County PA
- m.(1) 1852 (died in childbirth)
- m.(2) 4 Aug, 1858 ELIZABETH WEISEL 1835-1868.
- d. 16 May 1912, Allegany Township Somerset County PA

8.6 MATHIAS POORBAUGH

- b. 29 June 1832, Allegany Township Somerset County
- m. ca. 1859, EMALINE COUGHENOUR 1841-1916.
- d. 31 Jan. 1907 Allegany Township Somerset County

8.7 GIDEON POORBAUGH

- b. 26 July 1836 Allegany Township Somerset County PA.
- m. 2 Feb. 1866 LUCINDA COUGHENOUR 1843-1936
- d. 25 Mar. 1924, Monrovia, CA.

8.8 HERMAN POORBAUGH

- b. 13 May 1838 Allegany Township Somerset County PA.
- d. 11 Dec. 1865, from Civil War injuries.

17.0 SARAH ELIZABETH GERRY HERRINGTON

- b. 16 June 1799
- d. 9 Aug. 1879 Northampton, Township Somerset County PA.

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FAMILY GROUPS

JOHN POORBAUGH and SARAH ELIZABETH GERRY HERRINGTON
PHILLIP BURBACH and CATHERINE ELIZABETH ILGENFRITZ
JACOB POORBAUGH and HARRIET EVA WAGERMAN

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